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Major says minister need not quit

Baker guilty of contempt in asylum case

BY RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday rejected calls for Kenneth Baker's resignation after the home secretary became the first government minister to be found guilty of contempt of court.

Mr Baker, who has survived a series of damaging mishaps during his tenure at the Home Office, was found personally at fault by the Court of Appeal for his handling of the deportation of a Zairean teacher seeking asylum in Britain.

In the summer his resignation was demanded after two IRA suspects escaped from Brixton prison, in south London, and his initial failure to act over joy-riding and his handling of the dangerous dogs legislation also drew widespread criticism.

Opposition MPs seized on yesterday's ruling and called for him to quit. But the prime minister, on a visit to Newbury, Berkshire, brushed aside the demands. "No," Mr Major insisted, "he will not have to resign."

Mr Baker's political embarrassment began when the Court of Appeal found him guilty of contempt for his failure to stop the deportation of the asylum seeker, referred to as "M", despite a judge's order. Three judges, led by Lord Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, decided by a 2-1 majority that "ministers and civil servants are accountable to the law and to the courts for their personal actions".

They ruled that Mr Baker was in contempt "by reason of his personal decision" on May 2 to cancel the return flight to the United Kingdom of "M", aged 28, even though a High Court judge had ordered a stay on his removal. Lord Donaldson strongly criticised the Home Office for failing to stop the teacher being flown out of Heathrow after it had given a court undertaking that he would not be removed from the country. The judge said he did not regard what occurred "as reflecting any credit whatsoever upon the Home Office.

"There should have been established lines of communication enabling the Home Office to cancel the departure of would-be immigrants in their custody at the shortest possible notice before take-off," he said. "It is a disgrace if there were not. If there were, it is a disgrace they were not used."

Lord Donaldson said that Mr Baker's culpability fell at the lower end of the scale as he had no advance knowledge of the court order requiring "M" to be returned. He had been wrongly advised by lawyers that the order was made without jurisdiction and could be treated as a nullity.

Although an order for costs was made against Mr Baker personally, the Home Office later said it would pay them. After the ruling, Mr Baker said: "I note the court said that I acted on legal advice from the Home Office and also from Treasury counsel and that I was not in defiance of the court and I did not place myself above the law."

The home secretary said he had been given leave to appeal and his legal advisers were considering the matter. It is understood that he might make a Commons statement on Monday if it can be done without prejudicing an appeal.

As MPs demanded his resignation yesterday, Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said on BBC Radio that if Mr Baker continued in "this sleepwalking way", he would have to go.

"It is another example of clear chaos within the Home Office. The Home Office does not seem to be under any control," he said. "The home secretary does not have a grip on his department or a grasp of his brief. Add this to the fiasco over Brixton, the chaos over dangerous dogs, the failure to act initially over so-called joy-riding, and it is pretty clear we have a home secretary almost indistinguishable from not having a home secretary at all."

In August, Mr Baker admitted that he had considered resigning after Judge Stephen Tumim's scathing report on the Brixton affair. Last night senior Home Office sources said he had no intention of stepping down.

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Five life terms for head who abused children

BY CRAIG SETON

Beck: reign of terror over 13-year period

THE former head of three Leicestershire children's homes was given five life sentences at Leicester crown court last night for a reign of terror of sexual and physical abuse against children in care. Frank Beck, who assaulted up to 200 disturbed children over a 13-year period, was described by Mr Justice Jowitt as a man of great evil.

At the end of an 11-week trial involving the biggest case of child sex abuse to come before a British court, Beck, aged 49, was sentenced to life on each of four counts of buggering children under 16 and for raping a girl. He was also jailed for a total of 24 years for other sexual and physical assaults after being found guilty of a total of 17 charges. The judge said young people needed to be protected from Beck for an indefinite period.

Adults who were children when Beck abused them and who gave evidence against him were in court as he stood grim faced for sentencing. The prosecution had said young people were systematically abused in a "reign of terror" conducted by Beck under the guise of regression therapy, during which they were treated like babies.

A national enquiry to examine the selection of staff at children's homes was announced last night by William Waldegrave, the health secretary. A second enquiry will look into the way complaints about Beck were handled in Leicestershire.

Mr Waldegrave said: "Abuse of children is always abhorrent. These crimes were particulary despicable because the abuse in these homes went on for so long, and affected so many children who had been entrusted to the defendants for care and help."

The health department is expected to order a full investigation to discover why Beck was not detected earlier as child abuser when he headed three social service homes in Leicester and Market Harborough between 1973-86.

Greville Janner, QC, the MP for Leicester West, is to make a statement in the Commons next week after being named during Beck's trial. Paul Winston, aged 30, a former boy in care, alleged in evidence for Beck that the MP had sexually abused him during a relationship over two years.

Mr Janner said at the time that he could not comment because it was sub judice, but his office said yesterday: "This matter raises issues which go far beyond my own personal position. In my opinion the appropriate way to deal with them is in the House of Commons. Mr Just-

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JAMES GRAY

Murder scene: Monica King at the spot where her husband was stabbed

Father tells suspect in police killing to give up

BY STEWART TENDLER AND PETER VICTOR

THE father of the man suspected of killing police sergeant Alan King in east London on Thursday night appealed to his son yesterday to give himself up.

Ronald Grenfell appealed to his son, Peter, aged 28, who is believed to be armed with a handgun. Police say he may be extremely dangerous.

About 14 hours after Mr King was repeatedly stabbed as he questioned two men late at night, two policemen were stabbed in a second incident. One man was arrested and a knife recovered, but a second man fled.

Mr King, married with two children and two stepchildren, was patrolling alone when he was attacked just after 1am and was left wounded in the head, neck and chest, close to the junction of Higham Hill Road and Mayfield Road in Walthamstow.

The second incident took place at 3pm, when two officers were attacked as they approached two men in a car at the junction of Upton Road and Burlington Road, in Thornton Heath, near Croydon, south London. The officers were seriously injured and taken to Mayday hospital, Croydon, where one was operated on. The two officers were named last night as PC John Jenkinson, aged 25 and married, and PC Simon Castray, aged 26.

A man was arrested later in gardens near by and was being questioned by police last night.

Mr King was on a routine night patrol and had just left Chingford police station in an unmarked patrol car when he came across two men acting suspiciously.

He was stabbed and knocked to the ground by one of the men and attacked again. He was knifed several times with a long thin-bladed knife and the microphone from his radio was cut off. The two men then escaped. Mr King raised himself, staggered a short way into the road and flagged down a motorist, who took him to Walthamstow police station.

Police officers took him to Whipps Cross Hospital but he was dead on arrival. A post mortem examination showed that he had died from multiple injuries to his head, chest and abdomen.

He was unable to say anything about his attackers before he died. The man who drove him to the station was questioned by police for most of yesterday.

Mr King, who had served at many stations in north and

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Britain wins over 48-hour week

BY TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS AND NICHOLAS WOOD

BRITAIN won a victory in its struggle against the EC's social charter yesterday when ministers failed to agree on a 48-hour week and restricted Sunday work. They are now unlikely to be agreed upon before the end of the year.

Despite last-minute lobbying by the Dutch presidency of the Community, problems with the controversial proposals of Vasso Papandreou, the social affairs commissioner, are so widespread that the meeting next Tuesday of social affairs ministers will do little more than identify main sticking points.

President Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, met in Paris yesterday in an intensifying round of diplomatic exchanges which will be continued tomorrow when John Major visits Holland.

President Mitterrand said political union without Britain would be conceivable but not desirable in an interview with the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. "I believe it is better to show understanding and patience than to leave a great European country by the wayside," President Mitterrand was quoted as saying. "But if Britain does not want to follow, then one will have to be prepared for the future treaties being signed without it."

A German official, commenting on the Social Char-

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Drugs galore on Irish strand

BY GEOFF KING

IN A deadly Irish version of *Whisky Galore*, a cargo of drugs and arms was washed ashore in a bay south of Dublin yesterday. Four plastic drums found at the water's edge close to a spot immortalised in Joyce's *Ulysses* were found to contain a handgun, amunition and 70 kilos of cannabis thought to have come from a ship which sank last week with the loss of three crewmen.

Security sources said that paramilitaries might have smuggled the illicit cargo aboard the MV Kilkenny, a 2,600-tonne freighter owned by B & I, without the knowledge of its crew. None of the survivors were being questioned about the discovery. The drugs were found by a woman walking in Sandycove in Dublin Bay, a few hundred yards from the Martello Tower from which Buck Milligan and Stephen Dedalus gazed out into the bay at the opening of *Ulysses*.

It emerged last night that the Kilkenny, which made a weekly passage from Rotterdam to Dublin via Antwerp and sank after a collision, had been searched three weeks ago by Irish police officers looking for drugs.

The Antwerp-Dublin route has been used in the past by two Republican splinter groups, the Irish People's Liberation Organisation and the Irish National Liberation Army, to smuggle weapons into Ireland and drugs to raise money for its activities.

In December 1989, a policeman was shot in Antwerp after apparently disturbing a smugging operation at the docks involving the IPLO. Four guns and 500 rounds of ammunition were recovered in a follow-up operation and a B & I ship was searched by police in Dublin on arrival from Belgium.

Anthony Kerr, one of the two men involved in the shooting and a member of the IPLO, was later arrested at a house in Amsterdam where police found handguns, ammunition and false passports. He was extradited to Belgium and is serving a four-year jail sentence for his part in the shooting. Peter McNally, his accomplice, was also arrested in central Amsterdam in September this year. Weapons and ammunition were recovered from his flat.

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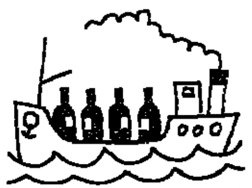

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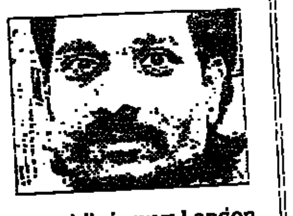

. . . while in west London **Bipin Patel** fears that his general store will be forced out of business by the big supermarkets' plans to open on Sundays **Page 3**

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Michael Jackson is at number one again with *Black and White* — but how long can his bubble last? Today's **Saturday Review** looks behind the legend. **Plus:** four pages of Christmas books

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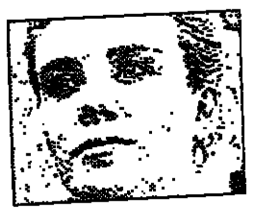

Saskia Wickham as Clarissa, the televised heroine of Richardson's novel. Jane Gardam, whose own epistolary novel won this year's Whitbread prize, laments the lost art of letter-writing **Page 12**

Ghost of Christmas past haunts TV chiefs

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AS BRITAIN settles down, post-festive feast, for the Queen's speech this Christmas, the nation should spare a thought for the poor TV scheduling executives who, at that precise moment, will be choking on this year's media turkey.

BBC1 is the traditional winner of the race for Christmas ratings, but, rather like plucky Cambridge on boat race day, ITV always pulls hard against the inevitable. This year, it had planned to scupper Auntie with a *Coronation Street* special timed to thwart its rival's ambitions to win a 20-million-plus audience for the film *Batman*, now scheduled to begin immediately after the Queen's speech. *Coronation Street*, ran the master plan, would begin ten minutes before the royal broadcast, stop for its duration and then resume immediately after the Queen concluded her message. But ITV's big secret is out and the programme controllers have to think again — that is, if they think their BBC counterparts are thinking again. "If we think the BBC hasn't changed its schedule we might not abandon it," a hopeful Granada spokesman said.

There were no clues forthcoming from Roger Mackay, overall head of BBC transmission planning, who would say only: "I'm sure there will be lots of leaks in the newspapers, but I won't believe a word of it until I read *Radio Times*." The bluffs and counter-bluffs, carried out in a spirit of festive fun and deadly commercial earnest, will continue up to the last possible minute — when the presses of *Radio Times*, *TV Times* and the other listings magazines begin to roll next Tuesday evening. Until then, executives will jealously guard their various Christmas strategies, referring only to plans A, B and C, while dispatching spies to glean what they can from gossip at the Groucho Club and other media watering holes.

Such skulduggery has long been a feature of the yuletide ratings battle, although success has always been more important for the BBC1, which, trailing its rival in the ratings every other week of the year, could be said to deserve a Christmas present.

ITV, for its part, has felt distinctly uneasy come the season of goodwill ever since it caught an advertising executive flogging Christmas scheduling secrets to the BBC 15 years ago. Executives say that happens every year, but the BBC dismisses the allegation as "another tall tale embroidered in the wine bars in the festive season".

Last Christmas Day, the BBC won with 17.97 million viewers for an *Only Fools and Horses* special. ITV's nearest challenge was *Coronation Street* with 14.73 million.

Let's video the first half then watch it during the speech
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Home Office failed to bring back refugee who won right to stay

Baker verdict fuels asylum dispute

By Jamie Dettmer

THE decision by the High Court yesterday in finding Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, guilty of contempt marks another stage in the government's attempts to distinguish between the genuine asylum seeker fleeing persecution and the economic migrant determined to better his material existence.

A series of embarrassing cases has raised doubts about the ability of the Home Office to decide which refugees are at risk if they are refused leave to stay in Britain. In 1988, three Tamil asylum seekers deported to Sri Lanka were subsequently arrested by the authorities there and tortured. Three Kurdish refugees in 1989 were also ill-treated when they were returned to Turkey.

The High Court's ruling yesterday, involving a Zairean teacher, puts Home Office ministers in the position of being seen as ready to thumb their noses at the judiciary when it comes to refugee matters. The man, aged 29, sought asylum in Britain in September 1990, claiming that he had been maltreated after being accused in his country of anti-government activity. His allegations were corroborated by the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture. "The scars he bore were entirely compatible with the causes he ascribed to them," one refugee organisation said.

The man, whose name has not been given at the request of his solicitors, said on his arrival in Britain that he had escaped with the help of a prison guard and was smuggled on to a cargo aircraft and taken to Lagos, Nigeria. He used a false Nigerian passport to fly to London.

The British government is obliged, under a 1951 United Nations convention, to grant asylum to people who have a well-founded fear of persecution. However, Peter Lloyd, the minister in charge of refugee issues at the Home Office, decided that the man did not qualify for asylum. The Home Office rejected his story as unbelievable.

The Zairean applied on May 1 this year for a judicial review of Mr Lloyd's decision. The application was heard shortly before the man was due to fly from Heathrow to Paris in handcuffs, en route for Kinshasa.

Mr Justice Garland decided that there were grounds for the application and the Treasury solicitor gave an undertaking at 5.55pm that the man would be taken off the plane, which was scheduled to leave at 6.30pm. Within five minutes of the undertaking, the Home Office tried to contact immigration officials at the airport, apparently to no avail. At 6.15pm, the Home Office heard that the man was on the flight and decided that it was impossible to get him off, even though the plane's doors were not closed until 6.29pm.

In Paris, the man and his two escorts had to wait two hours for their connecting flight. As it took off, Mr Justice Garland issued an order requiring the home secretary to bring the man back. Evidence was provided to the High Court that Mr Baker could have complied with this order by having the man put on a flight from Kinshasa to London at 9pm the next day. The home secretary did not comply. The man has now disappeared and there are fears for his safety in Zaire.

Chris Smith, the Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, who had taken up the man's case, said at the time: "I am staggered by the apparent incompetence with which Home Office and immigration authorities have dealt with this case from start to finish."

During the High Court hearing, Stephen Sedley, QC, who has continued to act for the man, said the case was a "lamentable history of failures and errors, any single one of which would be surprising".

The case has come at a time when the government has become increasingly uneasy about the growing numbers seeking asylum. Africans have traditionally accounted for most of the applications. There is now a backlog of more than 50,000 cases awaiting adjudication, and more than 20,000 requests have been received this year.

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Lawyers seize on historic ruling

By Richard Ford

AN APPEAL by Kenneth Baker against yesterday's ruling that he was guilty of contempt of court will allow the law lords to make an historic judgment on the scope of Crown immunity.

The Court of Appeal found for the first time that a minister of the Crown could be guilty of contempt. The significance was seized upon by lawyers as establishing firmly that ministers are not above the law.

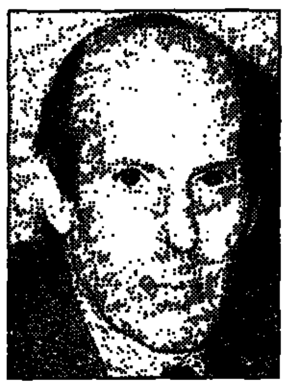
Michael Zander, professor of law at the London School of Economics, said: "It is very significant because it establishes beyond possible doubt that ministers are not above the law, and when they quite consciously defy the order of the court, as appears to have happened in this case, they must take the consequences".

Contempt of court covers the disobedience of a court order or when attempts are made to interfere with the course of justice.

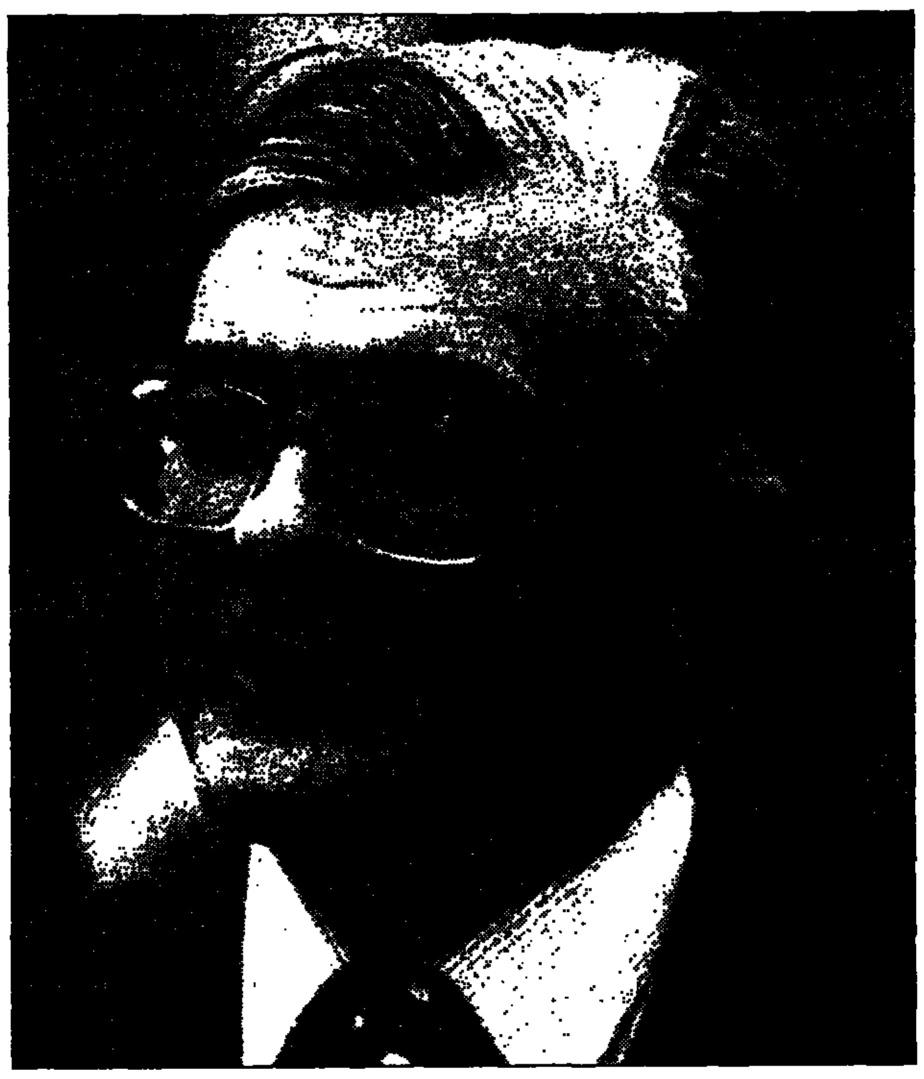
The key point at issue before the Court of Appeal was whether what would have been a contempt if committed by a member of the public, was not in this case because it had been carried out by a minister. David Pannick, a barrister and fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, said that during the hearing it had been argued that ministers could claim immunity from contempt of court because they represented the Crown.

He said that while there were judicial and legislative statements on the inability of the judiciary to enforce orders against the Crown, the Court of Appeal decision showed that there was nothing to stop judges from making a finding of contempt.

Mr Pannick added that it was unlikely that yesterday's decision would result in other ministers facing proceedings for contempt.



Zander: "Ministers are not above the law"



In the hotseat: Kenneth Baker yesterday at Oldbury, West Midlands

Punchbag minister who keeps smiling through

Yesterday's court ruling against Kenneth Baker is the latest blow for a minister who is running low on luck, writes **Peter Riddell**

KENNETH Baker is one of the most resilient figures in politics, always with a smile whatever the adversity. He needs to be. Yesterday's ruling by the Court of Appeal that he was guilty of contempt of court was the latest in a series of blows he has experienced in his year as home secretary. He is like a boxer just recovering from a hard punch in one round only to be hit from another angle in the next.

There is no immediate question of Mr Baker having to resign, but no one would bet on his long-term future in the government after the election. Many ministers anyway regarded him as fortunate to be given such a senior post by John Major (it was first offered to Michael Heseltine), and he has had a difficult run.

Mr Baker appears to be a Vicar of Bray, none more Heathite in the 1970s and none more Thatcherite in the 1980s. Many made a similar adjustment, but Mr Baker's transition was too smooth for some tastes. He became first an ardent advocate of privatisation, and then of curbing local government powers; he was an author of the poll tax and the main architect of the far-reaching changes in education, including a national curriculum and opting-out.

In each case, he showed flair and energy, but left successors considerable problems. He lost friends along the way, leading to the joke circulated by Tory whips — "What is the worst job in government? The one Ken Baker last had."

Mr Baker had a rough time during 16 months as Conservative party chairman amid Mrs Thatcher's growing unpopularity and poor election results, though he portrayed a few successes in last year's local elections as a general victory. Staying loyal to Mrs Thatcher to the end, he did not come well publicly out of the Tory election contest, though he is saving his version of events.

By the time Mr Major became prime minister, Mr Baker was looking battered. Throughout, however, he has gained from a strong family life and outside interests, including the theatre. He has tried to fight back; he wants to be known as a reforming home secretary and he made a robust speech to the Tory conference.

Mr Baker has learnt that the Home Office is the most unpredictable of ministries; nasty surprises can appear at any time of day or night. He is held to account for everything from jail breakouts and dangerous dogs to inner-city disturbances.

How far should a minister be held responsible for specific implementation of programmes, as opposed to broad policy? Lord Donaldson yesterday said that Mr Baker's culpability fell "at the lower end of the scale". The specific point of issue now goes to the Lords.

Home secretaries need a good deal of luck. Mr Baker has had little. He is again looking accident-prone.

Lineker baby has rare leukaemia

By Paul Wilkinson

THE eight-week-old son of Gary Lineker, the England football captain, will begin chemotherapy today after doctors confirmed that he is suffering a rare form of leukaemia.

Mr Lineker, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, whose 31st birthday is today, and his wife, Michelle, have been at the bedside of their son, George, at the Great Ormond Street hospital for sick children, London, since he was admitted on Wednesday.

Tests finally showed yesterday that he was suffering from acute myeloid leukaemia, a variant of the blood cancer, which is extremely rare in babies. It develops in the bone marrow in the myeloid white blood cells that are part of the immune system. John Shearer, the hospital's deputy administrator, said the baby's condition was "very poorly but stable" and it was difficult to say how he would respond to treatment.

National success rates with this form of the illness average about one in every four cases, but Great Ormond Street has a reputation for being among the best in treating the illness. Mr Shearer said George was under the care of doctors on the haemotology and oncology team. "His mother and father are with him, and his mother sleeps with George on the oncology ward."

Last month, while launching a campaign at St Thomas's hospital in London to raise £5 million for sick children, Mr Lineker said that becoming a father had made him realise "how vulnerable children are and how much we all have to do to make sure they are able to lead happy, healthy lives".

Leukaemia in babies under the age of one is extremely rare. The most recent figures, for 1985, record only 14 cases in England and Wales. Of those, two had myeloid leukaemia. Radiotherapy is often used with older children, but babies undergo intensive drug treatment.

- David Owen, the former SDP leader, wrote this summer in his biography, *Time to Declare*, how he and his wife, Deborah, had coped with the news in 1973 that their son, Tristan, had leukaemia. "Never have I felt so empty and I doubt if I could ever feel so empty again," he said.

Together they "willed" the three-year-old to live. He was finally cleared of the illness 13 years later.

Threat to woodland grows

By Michael Dynes
Transport Correspondent

POWERS to issue compulsory purchase orders have been gained by the transport department as part of government plans to acquire a section of Oxleas Wood in southeast London for approach roads to the proposed east London river crossing.

Greenwich council and householders living in the path of the approach roads have been notified of the department's new powers, announced five weeks after the European Commission began legal action against the government for allegedly violating EC legislation.

The transport department insists, however, that the approach roads for the crossing have honoured EC requirements, and that the bridge and roads are urgently needed in a notoriously congested part of the capital.

The government's decision to press ahead with the scheme, which cut through one of London's last remaining ancient woodlands, has been meet with warnings from local environmental campaigners that any attempt to start work on the site will be met with direct action.

Father is jailed for 1957 rape

A man aged 74 was jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday for raping his daughter almost 35 years ago. The lapse of time between the offence and the trial was described in court by his counsel as "unique".

The man, from west London, admitted forcing his daughter, now aged 48, to have sexual intercourse against her will in 1957, when she was 13, and again in 1958. He admitted indecent assaults, beginning 15 years later, on his daughter's daughter, when she was between six and nine years old, and on another granddaughter when she was between seven and eight.

Jailing him for four-and-a-half years, Judge Robert Lymbery, said that the acts committed by the man were "quite dreadful and the harm done incalculable". All three victims were now receiving counselling. The offences came to light earlier this year when one of the granddaughters went to the police.

Sunday traders win support

More than two out of every three shoppers want stores to be able to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas, according to a Mori poll carried out for the Shopping Hours Reform Council.

The poll, copies of which are being sent to MPs, also shows that people are concerned about the rights of shop workers, with 93 per cent of those questioned agreeing that they should have a legal right to refuse to work on Sundays. Sixty-seven per cent said that they might use shops on Sundays if they were open. A representative sample of 1,839 people were interviewed across England and Wales between October 18 and October 21.

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Raphael 'find'

A forgotten painting by Raphael may have been "discovered" in the collection of the Duke of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle. Nicholas Penny, a National Gallery curator, examined the *Madonna dei Garofani* on a hunch. Sotheby's has estimated that it could be worth up to £30 million. The painting, measuring 11in by 8½in, goes on show at the National Gallery in February.

Legal protest

Fifty solicitors in Southampton have withdrawn from a 24-hour duty system, leaving defendants without emergency legal cover. They are protesting about a fixed-fee legal aid scheme planned by the Lord Chancellor that would reduce court fees by more than half. The solicitors say that would make it unprofitable for them to defend criminal cases. There are plans to spread the protest.

College drugs

Seven pupils, aged 15 and 16, have been suspended from Pangbourne College, the naval training school on the Oxfordshire-Berkshire border, after they admitted smoking cannabis at a bonfire night discotheque.

Space woman shuns route to the stars

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

ANYONE hoping to see Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut, starring in Peter Pan this Christmas or appearing in a bathing suit at a supermarket opening is going to be disappointed.

Despite hiring an agent specialising in media personalities and being deluged with lucrative offers, the 28-year-old chemist has decided to shun the limelight in favour of a part-time job in engineering.

Six months after circling the Earth on the Anglo-Soviet Juno mission, she has agreed to join Serco Space of Sunbury-on-Thames, a British company specialising in satellites and ground stations. The move is very much in keeping with Miss Sharman's life since returning from the mission.

She has been acting as the education and science department's unofficial space emmissary, carrying out a busy schedule of school visits, talks to learned societies, awards ceremonies and meetings with politicians.

In late May, 22,000 miles above Earth on the Mir space station, most people knew exactly where Miss Sharman was. Now, even her family rarely knows.

Yesterday, for example, she accepted an honorary fellowship from Sheffield City Polytechnic to add to her life membership of the Royal Aeronautical Society given earlier in the week. She meets officials at the Science Museum next Tuesday and three days later visits Birmingham University. Sometime next year, Miss Sharman will complete her schools tour of Britain.

Her career could have been very different if mammon rather than integrity had ruled. Even now, the offers eager to engage her services come flooding in at the rate of 30 to 40 a day.

Tony Fox, the man hired as Miss Sharman's agent, emphasises that many of these are from worthy organisations but there are still the odd ones. "One borough council asked if she would open a landfill ... we politely had to decline."

Miss Sharman said: "It was very much a decision I had to make. Do I earn myself millions or else do something that the country might benefit from. A choice between being a celebrity or being an astronaut."

The theme of her school talks for nine to 13-year-olds is that science and technology, and space in particular, are exciting and that Britain should play a more active role, especially with the European Space Agency. "It is important to get the children interested in science and technology and space. It is much harder to convert someone when they get to a politician's age."

Sharman: honoured by polytechnic yesterday

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Report condemns errors of judgment by social services despite 'overwhelming' evidence

Why no action was taken against Beck

By Craig Seton

"OVERWHELMING" evidence existed that would have enabled Leicestershire social services to take decisive action against Frank Beck up to four years before he was suspended and resigned in 1986, a confidential internal report for the authority has disclosed.

The report, sent to the health department, also said it was extraordinary that Beck was given a reference by the Leicestershire authority after he quit that made no mention of his suspension or police investigations that had been conducted into allegations of child abuse.

What is now known is that Beck went on to work with children again, as deputy manager of a children's home in Brent. Allegations that Beck was abusing children, suspicions about his homosexuality and police investigations of ill-treatment were recorded against him, but there appeared to be an unwillingness by senior officials to take action.

A draft of the report, by Barry Newell, the former deputy director of Nottinghamshire social services called in to investigate the affair, also shows that the former officer in charge of three council-run children's homes between 1973 and 1986 was allowed to foster a boy in care despite a complaint that he was homosexual and a police investigation that led to him appearing in court charged with assaulting a boy.

Mr Newell's report has shocked senior officials and councillors at county hall in Leicester and is almost certain to prompt a full enquiry by the health department.

The scale of Beck's sexual and physical abuse of children and care staff did not become fully known until a chance remark by one of his former victims led to a police enquiry in 1990. However, Mr Newell's report, compiled from contemporary records, suggests that a damning dossier of complaints, suspicions, police investigations and other serious concerns had begun amassing from the early Eighties.

☐ 1980: allegation of violence against girl, aged 15; Beck warned that incidents of malpractice should not be "swept under the carpet".

☐ January 1982: staff at the Beeches in Leicester, where Beck was in charge, made complaints about treatment of young people; Beck requested approval as foster parent.

☐ June 1982: complaint made to social worker that Beck had homosexual relationship with boy he planned to foster.

☐ July 1982: report for foster approval indicated allegation of homosexuality but argued "no need to pursue"; Beck charged with assault on boy in care, but received letters of support from staff; senior officers agreed not to suspend Beck pending court hearing.

☐ August 1982: Beck warned of unacceptable methods following complaint of ill-treatment of child.

☐ November 1982: social worker complained of violence and Beck's relationship with prospective foster child.

☐ February 1983: Beck found not guilty of assault at Leicester Crown Court.

☐ May 1982: approved as foster parent; three months later another boy placed with him on lodging arrangement.

☐ July 1983: another children's home indicates staff have heard stories of ill-treatment by Beck.

☐ March 1984 to March 1986: more complaints included claims of violence from former child in care. Two police investigations found insufficient evidence to proceed.

Mr Newell said he found no reason to criticise the council's investigation of 12 incidents concerning Beck and the Beeches, but he added: "What is extraordinary is that nothing actually happened other than occasionally Beck was written to."

There were hints in the records of some despair among staff — "another complaint about Beck. I suppose nothing will happen again" — said Mr Newell's report. He said that between 1982 and 1985 "the evidence was overwhelming for 'something to be done'." Staff, felt Mr Newell, could have been disheartened that senior management appeared unwilling to act, leading to a feeling that there was no point in complaining about cases of ill-treatment.

Mr Newell, who criticised the decision not to suspend Beck when he was charged with the offence which led to court proceedings, said it was a major error of judgment that when the case was over his application to foster a boy was approved.

Turning to the aftermath of Beck's departure in March 1986, after being suspended and then resigning, he said that in January 1987 the department had received a letter from a social care agency in London seeking a reference for him.

A reference was sent that did not mention his suspension, but referred to his resignation. It suggested that Beck "found it easier to sympathise with those residential care officers who adopted his style of operation". It also said that the willingness with which he was prepared to commit himself to the interests of young people in a wholehearted manner was acknowledged throughout the department.

In March 1987 the department received a letter seeking information about Beck from Brent council in north London, which had employed him on a short contract. Leicestershire's response, which Mr Newell described as "extraordinary", was to supply a copy of the earlier reference with a covering letter that referred to his resignation "following difficulties which arose in relationships with staff leading to a loss of confidence on both sides".

The department had created circumstances where Beck could argue that he had resigned because of staff difficulties. Leicestershire had made serious errors of judgment over those events. They had been correct to suspend him and his resignation may have been a relief, but, given the nature of the suspension, the health department should have been advised of what the authority believed and it should have been more honest and candid in the references subsequently sought.

After Beck left Brent later in 1987, at the end of his contract, he worked as a social worker in Letchworth for Hertfordshire county council, which had received satisfactory references from both Brent and an agency. He was sacked by the county in 1990 after his arrest. The reason given was professional misconduct over relationships with clients. None of the charges against Beck related to his time in Brent or Hertfordshire.

Therapy method made children 'ripe for abuse'

THE regression therapy introduced to Leicestershire by Frank Beck was the guise behind which perverts had taken their pleasure, the prosecution said at his trial (Craig Seton writes).

The court was told that the therapy involved taking deeply disturbed children back to experiences they had missed in their early years. Some were treated as babies, being carried by staff, cuddled and fed from bottles.

Emotionally damaged children as young as eight, often from broken homes and who had suffered abuse by their parents, were forced to have temper tantrums through insults or physical contact, then were calmed and offered affection.

The jury was told that children were taken back to a state of isolation, loneliness and vulnerability that made them ripe for abuse, and easy meat for the powerful, dominating personality of Frank Beck. It is likely that Beck modified regression therapy during his work in Leicestershire and may well have added elements of the stern discipline he was taught during his military training.

Brian Waller, who took over as director of social services in 1988, two years after Beck had resigned in disgrace, said that the therapy had not been used in the county before Beck arrived and it had no place in good child care.

Beck developed a reputation in Leicestershire as the care homes officer who would willingly take the most difficult and disturbed children, especially adolescents. For some, he was a shining light, finding a new way to deal with apparently hopeless cases.

Articles were written about his methods in specialist social work magazines.

Dorothy Edwards, social services director between 1974 and 1980, told the court: "We had some question marks about the therapy because some of the adolescents would run up and hug Mr Beck and other members of staff. It seemed an odd thing for adolescents to do, but nevertheless it seemed to us...that some of the children were being helped by this therapy."

11 or 12 when he was "regressed", told the court: "You were expected to behave like very young children. I saw children with dummies in their mouths — children of my age." He said that a social worker told him his mother was a slag and his father was a drunk, to get him angry. The sessions took place up to five times a week.

Irena Halonka, a former teacher at the Beeches home, said she was disturbed at the way some children were given the treatment. Some were hit and others verbally abused. "Girls were called sluts, revolting, disgusting and told nobody loved them." Boys were called homosexual.

Peter Jaynes, Beck's former deputy and co-defendant, said the philosophy was to "break children before caring for them" He agreed that children were tortured and battered into submission.

Beck said in evidence that the application of the therapy was like a ladder being climbed by the average person during their life, with the rungs representing a stage of development. Some rungs could be missing with a damaged person, and regression involved identifying the missing rung and replacing it.

Beck's world: clockwise from top right, Frank Beck: the Beeches, where he was in charge between 1978 and 1986; Peter Jaynes, convicted of indecent assault at Ratcliffe Road home, and George Lincoln, Beck's former Beeches deputy, who was found guilty of common assault

Service in Marines shaped career

By Craig Seton

FRANK Beck, aged 49, was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and was educated in Croydon, south London, before joining the Royal Marines when he was 17.

Beck served almost ten years with the marines, becoming a sergeant and serving in Singapore, Malaysia and Aden. After leaving the forces he went into the probation service because of his experience with young people. He worked at probation hostels in Leicester and Northampton and was later offered a post with Northamptonshire social services.

He said that he was introduced to regression therapy at the Highfields Centre in Northampton. Beck then took a two year, full-time social work course before he applied for a job with Leicestershire social services. Beck was offered a post as officer in charge of the Poplars children's home in Market Harborough. The home was closed during rationalisation in 1975 and Beck, together with some of his staff, moved to the Ratcliffe Road home in Leicester, where he was again in charge.

For a short time in 1978, Beck acted as relief head of another social services care home in Market Harborough and then took over at the Beeches, Leicester Forest East. He was there until he resigned in 1986.

Ratcliffe Road, which dealt with up to 22 children aged between 11 and 17, closed two years ago. The Beeches was shut in February. The two homes were at the centre of most of the allegations against Beck and were declared surplus to requirements by the county council, which has gradually reduced the number of children in residential care from more than 300 in 1974 to 76 this year, in keeping with new attitudes to care it shares with other authorities.

Beck served as a Liberal Democrat councillor on Blaby district council, Leicestershire, between 1983 and 1990.

Trouble in store for family businesses, say traders

After ministers' refusal to act against supermarkets defying Sunday trading laws, **John Young** finds out the reaction from an open-all-hours shop

TWO months ago Chiman Patel and his brother, Bipin, both originally from Gujarat, India, took over a general store in Hammersmith, west London. Too big to be described as a corner shop, it sells a wide range of fresh food and groceries, as well as confectionery, cigarettes and newspapers.

Until their arrival the shop had been a long-standing local family business, but the Patels' friendly manner dispelled any misgivings customers might have felt about the change. Now, however, the brothers feel that the decision by the large supermarket chains to flout the law by opening on Sundays has put their new venture in jeopardy. There are two Safeway stores, each about half a mile away, and a giant Sainsbury's little more than a mile away.

"This is a convenience shop," Chiman Patel said. "We cannot compete on prices with Sainsbury's and the others because they can buy in bulk, which we cannot. Only about ten people do their regular weekly shopping here. For the rest of our customers we just provide a handy service.

"Sunday is our best day of the week. People are relaxing, and they come in for the Sunday papers or to buy things like milk or sugar when they run out. Families come in after church, and they are all beautifully dressed. Fathers bring their children to buy newspapers and sweets for the kids. There is a nice relaxed homely atmosphere, which they certainly will not get in a supermarket." Asked why small shops should be allowed to open on Sundays, if the big stores are forbidden to do so, Bipin Patel said: "I would not really mind if no one was allowed to open, but where would people buy their Sunday papers or things they run out of, like milk or cigarettes?"

So how do they expect the new competition to affect them? "We will have to wait about six months to see what happens, and whether the supermarkets continue to open on Sundays after Christmas," Bipin Patel said.

"It may mean that we have to open all day on Sundays, instead of just in the mornings, which means we will be sacrificing our own family life. Alternatively, we may have to close all day, and those who suffer most will be the public because they will lose the convenience of having a local shop. The next thing we know, W.H. Smith will be opening on Sundays to sell newspapers.

"We try to give a personal service to all our customers. For example, a lady came in and asked for a jar of horseradish sauce with beetroot, so I had to order a whole case and I've still got 11 jars on the shelf. Supermarkets do not give customers that sort of personal attention."

Chiman Patel said that when he arrived in Britain in the 1960s, corner shops were dying, and were revived only by people like him who were prepared to work all hours.

"My brother and I work a 97-hour week. We pay £15,300 a year in rent, and £7,000 in rates, and we also had to take out a big bank loan." After paying the wages of five staff, rent and rates, lighting, heating, insurance, loan interest, and accountants' and solicitors' fees, he calculates that his net return after tax is just £1.20 an hour.

"The supermarkets are breaking the law and are getting away with it. Our message to them is live and let us small people live too, and do not be so greedy." He believed that, if Sunday trading became widespread, shops like his had little future.

● More than half the supermarkets owned by Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda and Safeway are expected to open tomorrow.

Bipin Patel: six-month wait to see result

THE SUNDAY TIMES

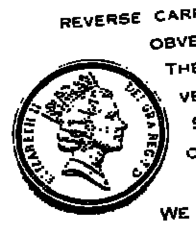
Camelot on trial

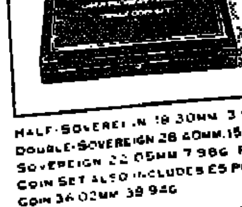
"It's gonna be dirty and mean," said one of Kennedy's six-man legal team over drinks at a downtown bar. "But we are going to go all out to take that woman apart. Willie is innocent and his family are with him all the way. It will go the distance. There will be no plea bargaining and no deals."

James Dalrymple, in The Sunday Times tomorrow, on the Kennedy clan's latest crisis as William Kennedy Smith goes on trial for rape.

Dine out and lose weight

In The Sunday Times Magazine, part 2 of Michel Montignac's revolutionary diet plan.





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Orchestra to sue over cut in grant

By Robin Young

AN Maclay, the managing director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, said yesterday that he would sue the Arts Council if it did not restore the orchestra's grant, which is to be cut from £460,000 to £400,000 next year. The RPO, whose principal conductor is Vladimir Ashkenazy, was a big loser in the dispensations announced by the council on Thursday.

Mr Maclay said that he had a letter dated April 24 this year from Kenneth Baird, the Art Council's director of music, guaranteeing support for the orchestra's London concerts in the coming financial year. "When Kenneth Baird belatedly rang me to tell me the council's latest arbitrary decision, he told me that there would only be funding for 15 concerts in London and for our touring activities," Mr Maclay said yesterday. "While we were pleased to have our touring recognised at last, something for which we have been pressing for many years, we have it in writing that the Arts Council had pledged its support for 20 London concerts next year. They cannot renege on a clear commitment like that, and if they try we shall just go to law and sue them.

"You would expect that, if they were going to cut our grant, they would at least do their homework and get their facts right first, so that they would not leave loopholes for me to exploit."

Mr Maclay claimed that, although the Arts Council had publicly criticised the RPO's conservative programming, Mr Baird had professed ignorance that the orchestra had appointed Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies as associate conductor and composer to the orchestra with effect from September 1992. Sir Peter has two concerts with the orchestra scheduled in the coming financial year.

Mr Maclay said: "When I asked Kenneth Baird whether the Maxwell-Davies concerts had been taken into account, he said: 'What Maxwell-Davies concerts?'"

He said that the Arts Council appeared to have ignored its own appraisal of the orchestra's efforts, which had recommended that the RPO's tours outside London should be supported in addition to its London programming. "We did not initiate the idea of Arts Council appraisals," he said. "They did. The least they could do is read them when they have got them."

If the Arts Council made good its original promise to fund 20 London concerts, that would mean an extra £85,000 for the orchestra's grant, an increase on last year of 13 per cent, he said. "Although that is still insufficient, it would go some way to redress the balance."

He claimed that the RPO was being penalised for its success with commercial recordings and in attracting sponsorship. "We are told that we must not fall into deficit, but if we succeed in making a modest profit it seems we are punished for it. I am confident that we will eventually get the support we were promised because I intend to embarrass the Arts Council to the utmost of my ability until they come through with the goods."

The Arts Council said yesterday that Mr Baird could not be contacted.

No cash for Aids victims

Patients who contracted the Aids virus through contaminated blood transfusions will not receive government compensation, it emerged yesterday.

Although £42 million in compensation is being given to about 1,200 HIV-infected haemophiliacs, there will be none for the estimated 170 non-haemophiliacs who received the contaminated transfusions in the 1980s, according to Virginia Bottomley, the health minister.

"We do not regard this as a precedent for other groups," Mrs Bottomley says in a letter to Gavin Strang, Labour MP for Edinburgh East. In reply, Dr Strang said that the letter was a disgraceful response from the government.

Leap to safety

Mark Barlow, aged 28, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, escaped death when he jumped from his runaway van inches before it plunged 200ft over a mountain precipice in Eskdale, Cumbria.

Costly claim

A claimant who tore a radiator from the wall at a dole office in Dalston, East London, because he had waited too long, caused damage of £50,000.

Welsh reward

BT workers are to be paid up to £2,290 extra for speaking Welsh during their daily work, giving parity with workers who speak other European languages.

Girl's tax shock

Faye Doggrell, aged four, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, has been summonsed by the town's magistrates for failing to pay £413 poll tax.

Ashkenazy: principal conductor with RPO

Change for a fiver leaves duke cut up

By Tim Jones

THE Duke of Wellington was formally shunted aside at midnight by George Stephenson as the £5 note bearing the portrait of the hero of Waterloo ceased to be legal tender.

Since the Iron Duke first appeared on the fiver in 1971, five billion notes bearing the image of the man who humbled the French in 1815 have been printed, the Bank of England estimates.

The duke, prime minister from 1828 to 1830 would not have been amused to learn that the notes depicting him in defiant pose are now being granulated for use as fertiliser.

In spite of last night's deadline, it is estimated that 60 million of the notes remain in circulation. The Bank said that it would, as ever, honour the promise to pay any bearer who turns up at its door demanding an exchange.

With 500 million £5 notes printed last year, the Bank is running out of landfill sites in which to dump tattered ones. The notes are reckoned to have a life span of less than 12 months, and, with ragged notes of other denominations, amount to 2,000 tons of rubbish a year.

Incineration has come to be seen as environmentally unfriendly, so now old notes are granulated into tiny blobs. At the Essex high-security plant where notes are printed, the Bank has installed machinery that masticates old notes into millimetre blobs.

The new smaller £5 note, introduced last year, was partly designed to pre-empt forgers, and it has been welcomed by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The reduction from 5.8in by 3in to 5.3in by 2.8in was not welcomed by banks or British Rail, which had to change automatic telling machines.

Seeking ways in which to get rid of the notes, the Bank has sold some of the granulated debris to Stuart Goldie, who runs the Botanic Centre near Middlesbrough, Cleveland. Yesterday, Mr Goldie declared the cotton-based notes a good fertiliser when mixed with industrial sludge, producing good trial crops of sweet peas and lettuce. Now he intends to see what the duke can do for Moneymaker tomatoes.

ADRIAN BROOKS

First steps: Viviana Durante coaching Katie Hunter, aged four, who will open *Dance for Life*, the royal gala at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, tomorrow, which will raise funds for the Aids charity Crusaid

Peace moves at cathedral fail

By Ruth Gledhill
Religious Affairs Correspondent

ATTEMPTS by professional counsellors to establish peace in the close at Lincoln Cathedral have ended in failure.

The counsellors were called in to resolve a dispute over the loss of £60,000 by an exhibition of the cathedral's copy of Magna Carta in Australia in 1988. The Bishop of Lincoln, Robert Hardy, called unsuccessfully for the resignation of all four residentiary canons after an enquiry. A four-month police investigation found insufficient evidence to bring proceedings.

The counsellors' report says that the issues surrounding Magna Carta were the trigger for a conflict of great complexity. They say that the dean, Brandon Jackson, felt a deep sense of isolation within the chapter. The level of distrust was so profound that when the chancellor, Canon John Nurser, and the archdeacon spoke of the dean's pastoral gifts, they were not believed by the dean himself.

Brian Thorne, director of student counselling at East Anglia University and a prominent Anglican layman, was called in a year ago to help to mediate. Kathleen Baker, a Manchester-based counsellor, joined his work. Their report, written after nearly 22 hours of meetings, says that the initial meetings disclosed "a situation of grave conflict and profound differences in perception. Most marked was the presence of high levels of fear and rage within the group and of a sense of intolerable pain."

The report speaks of historic myths and "powerful unconscious forces at work". It says: "These basic assumptions have probably permeated the Lincoln environment for centuries and they operate in complete opposition to the spirit of the cathedral statutes, which require collegiality and co-operation based on an atmosphere of trust." The conciliators warn of "even graver hurt" should further attempts at conciliation fail.

Nonetheless, the conciliators say: "We believe the human stature of the current members of the chapter is such that, with God's help, a decisive break with the destructive patterns of the past can be accomplished."

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Patients want cancer findings withdrawn

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

FORMER breast cancer patients called yesterday for a Charities Commission enquiry into a research project that cast doubts on the safety of the complementary therapies they received at the Bristol Cancer Help Centre.

A study published last year said that women attending the centre were twice as likely to die, and three times as likely to have a relapse, as similar patients receiving only conventional treatment. The researchers later admitted that the study was flawed, but many of the women involved are campaigning for it to be scrapped.

In a letter published in *The Lancet* today, the women, members of the Bristol Survey Support Group, call for the original findings to be withdrawn. "Anger and a sense of having been used as just pawns in a game have continued for many of us, because the research team has never apologised," they say.

"Nothing short of a complete retraction can make amends for the psychological damage caused by the report, and the research workers' lack of interest in us."

The study, funded by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign, is one of the most controversial medical research projects of recent years. A year ago this week, Tim McElwain, a leading cancer specialist who was one of the authors of the study, killed himself at his home in south London.

McElwain: strain at work led to his suicide

The research and the wide publicity it received had a devastating effect on the centre, opened by the Prince of Wales in 1983, and on many of the women who went there for a combination of group support, meditation, healing by touch, and an essentially vegetarian diet. The results seemed to show that something about the clinic's methods of complementary medicine had a harmful, perhaps fatal, effect on patients.

Last November, the researchers admitted that the study contained serious errors. Women at the centre were more ill to begin with than those receiving standard health service treatment.

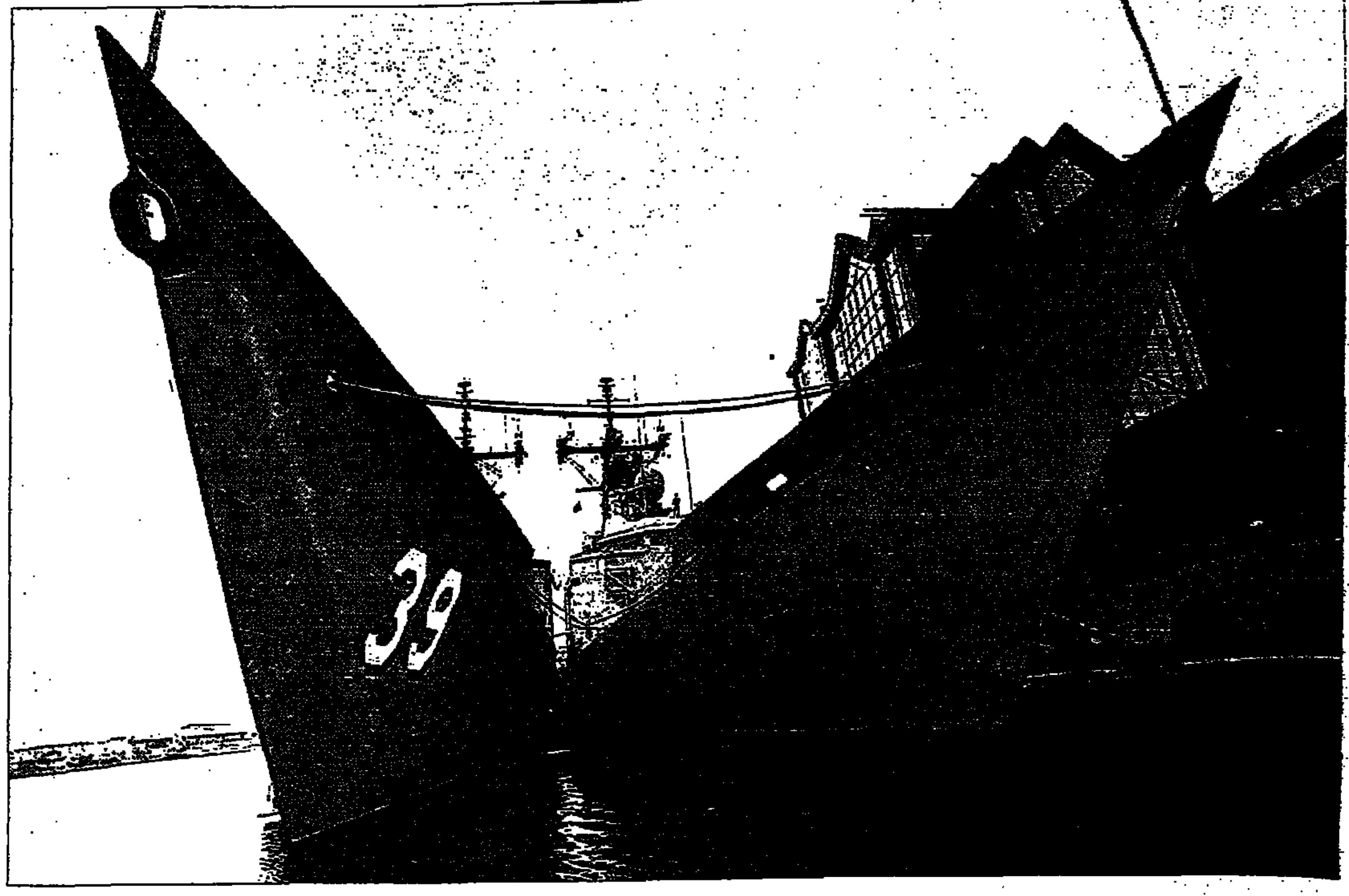
Two weeks later, Professor McElwain, aged 53, of the Royal Marsden Hospital in Chelsea, killed himself. He was a perfectionist prone to deep depression, and was receiving psychiatric treatment at the time of his death. It was said at the inquest that he took his life because of the strain arising from his work. Two weeks before his death, Professor McElwain said: "The study was not as good as it should have been... it seems unlikely that if you go to Bristol, it will do you harm."

Isla Bourke, co-author of the women's letter to *The Lancet*, went to the Bristol centre after being treated with radiotherapy for breast cancer in 1986. "It was a place where people cared, where you could go for comfort and support, and talk your illness out of your system," she said yesterday. "The study was fundamentally flawed. We will not be satisfied until it is completely withdrawn, and we are asking the Charities Commission to investigate the way the project was conducted."

The journal carries a response from three of the researchers, led by Clair Chilvers of Nottingham University. They say that they were dismayed by the publicity surrounding the results, but strongly dispute the allegation of a lack of interest in the patients. "We felt that the statement made in our original paper was a cautious one, indicating other possible reasons for what we found. Clearly, in retrospect, it was not cautious enough."

Maria Duffy, spokeswoman for the Bristol centre, said yesterday: "It has been a hard year for all of us, but we have a waiting list of patients. We welcome the idea of an enquiry into the project if it will help maintain high standards in future research. Such research is essential, and we want to play a part in it."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Fleeting visit: the Nato warships USS Doyle, left, and SNS Santa Maria, from Spain, moored at the Isle of Dogs, east London, yesterday morning after arriving at sunrise. Open days will be held by the eight-ship squadron tomorrow and on Wednesday

Builder loses £1m battle

A Cardiff builder who claimed the government's handling of the economy had damaged his business yesterday had his claim for £1 million damages struck out in the High Court.

Mr Justice Judge ruled that Mark Harries's case should be stopped. The Treasury had applied to have the claim struck out on the grounds that it "disclosed no reasonable cause of action".

Mr Harries said: "We are going to appeal to try to change the system because I do not think the government should continue to be able to make mistakes and get away with them. I am speaking on behalf of thousands of businessmen in this country."

Mr Harries, who funded his action personally and fought off a similar attempt in September, says he now faces bankruptcy.

Joyrider dies

A youth aged 17 was killed when he lost control of a Ford Escort, believed to be stolen, after jumping traffic lights in Blackpool, Lancashire. Sean Mallon had been driving at up to 80mph the wrong way through the one-way system. His passenger, Michael Pomfret, who had just celebrated his 17th birthday, is seriously ill.

Fish hold-up

An unemployed man who tried to hold up a general store armed with a wooden fish wrapped in a carrier bag was sentenced to a year in a youth offenders' institution. Caernarvon crown court was told that James King, aged 17, of Holyhead, Anglesey, had carried out the raid with "crass ineptitude".

Beatles gold

A tape bought for £1.50 12 years ago, featuring "Yesterday Sunshine", a little-heard Beatles song, and a recorded business meeting between John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Dick James, the music publisher, is expected to fetch £3,000 at an auction in Gotham, Nottinghamshire.

Museum closes

Exeter Maritime Museum, one of the world's largest collections, including the oldest working steamboat, has closed after an appeal to raise £250,000 failed.

Walker's will

Alfred Wainwright, the walker and author of guides for ramblers, who died, aged 84, in January, has left £233,816 in his will.

Colleges 'are not factories'

By David Tytler
Education editor

UNIVERSITIES should not be judged as businesses but as centres of scholarship and learning, Sir Michael Atiyah, president of the Royal Society, said yesterday.

"Over the past decade or so universities have increasingly been treated like commercial businesses, dominated by accountancy procedures and measured by the products they produce," Sir Michael, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, told the society's anniversary meeting.

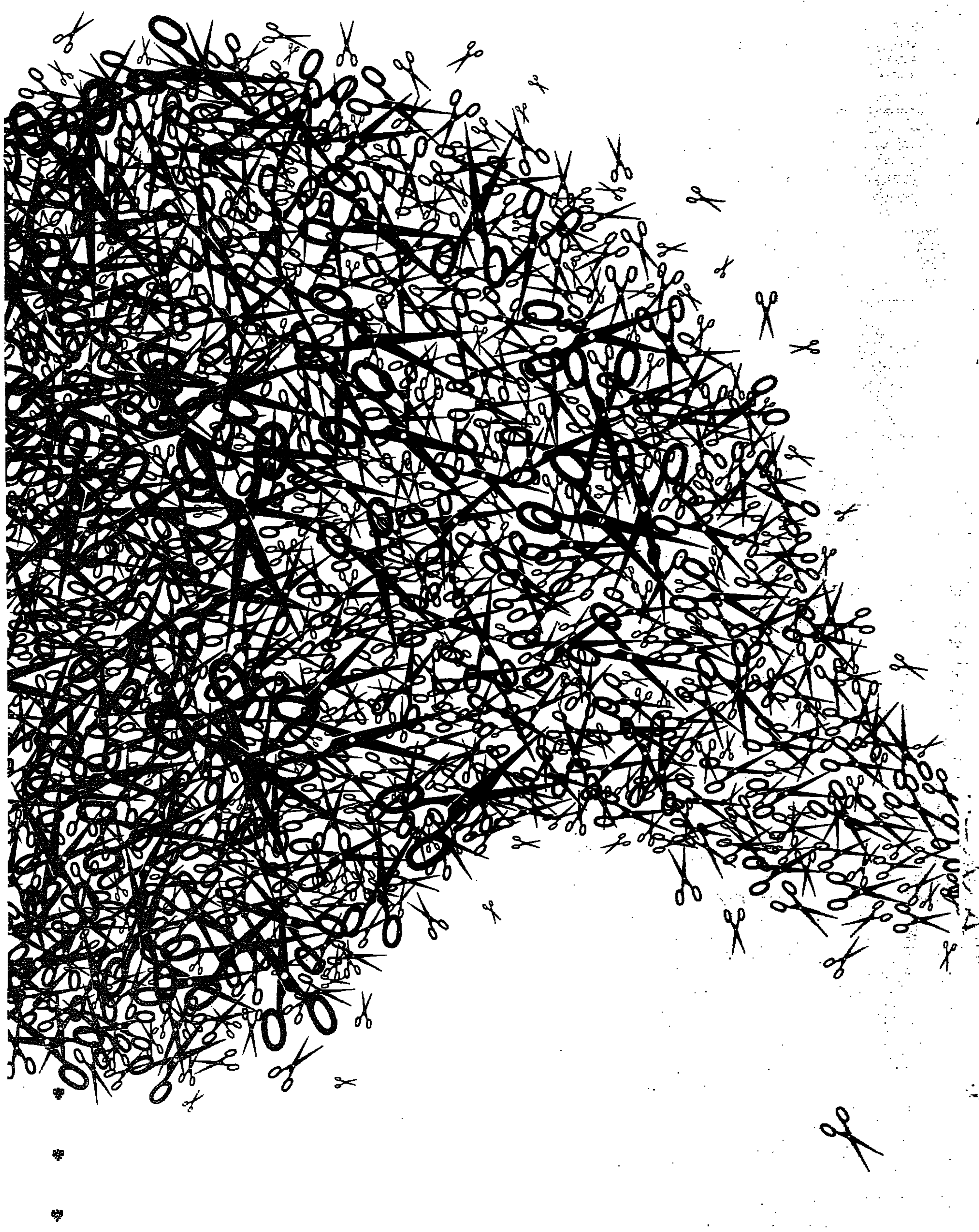
Many universities were "deeply uneasy about the present situation, not because we are irresponsible, but because we have little confidence in the foundations on which the great accountancy edifice has been built... How does one divide, count or weigh a thought?"

Universities were complex structures that concentrated on learning and thinking. "The common pursuit of learning is the spirit that animates the university and gives it its integrity. Across the centuries and across the disciplines this has been the central function of universities.

"If learning is the objective, thinking is the process. Critical and creative thoughts are the lifeblood of universities, the indispensable route to the acquisition of true knowledge and the essential ingredient in the education of our citizens."

Sir Michael questioned the dominance of external funding for research and the increasing pressures for concentration of resources. "In the early days," he said, "research council support to universities was a welcome and essential aid for research in certain fields. By now the scale and scope has shifted, and the tail is wagging the dog."

He said that the most dangerous threat to genuine university research was the growing trend to concentrate work in one or two universities. He accepted that was sometimes necessary if expensive equipment was required but said: "The danger is that a general philosophy in favour of concentration in all subjects will come to be accepted, even though it is neither necessary or appropriate."



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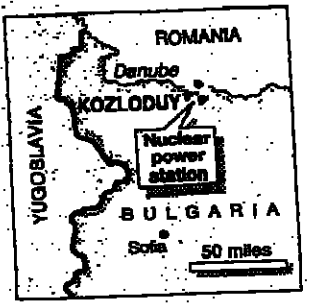
Chernobyl legacy haunts East Europe

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT



BULGARIA has bowed to Western pressure by closing down a second nuclear reactor in the accident-prone Kozloduy plant, regarded by many experts as the Chernobyl of the Balkans.

The shutdown, which will cause serious energy and heating problems this winter, highlights the poor safety standards of the many Soviet-designed nuclear reactors powering the economies of Eastern Europe. As more information leaks out about the state of these formerly top-secret plants, concern is growing in neighbouring Western countries. The 1986 meltdown in Chernobyl — which the Ukrainian parliament has voted to close down — hurt the whole continent and continues to affect the quality of health and the environment in Eastern Europe.

Soviet scientists at the Institute of Medical Research in Belorussia have reported a sharp increase in thyroid cancer among children and a sharp drop in general health standards. While it is difficult to identify the extent of the effects of radiation on the poor health quality — since other factors could include stress or poor nutrition — housewives shopping in Moscow's markets are careful not to buy produce from the Ukraine or Belorussia.

The Kozloduy plant, on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, suffers from the same problems that affected Chernobyl. There have been continuous fires, breakdowns and leakages. Reactor vessels are said to be brittle, and the system for detecting and containing radiation leaks is said to be faulty. There is also a lack of trained staff. Lutchezar Poshev, of the Bulgarian Ecoglasnost group, said Kozloduy "is ten times more dangerous than Chernobyl — it is the most dangerous reactor in Europe".

That offers little reassurance for the Austrians, who are also worried about the Bohunice plant in Czechoslovakia, 60 miles east of Vienna. Although it is reputed to be safer than the Kozloduy reactor, there were 104 reported "disturbances" at the plant last year. The most serious incident this year occurred in May when 50 litres of radioactive material leaked on to the floor from the Soviet-designed V1 reactor. There is also concern over the storage of nuclear waste since Bohunice's capacity will be exhausted in two years' time. The Soviet Union, which used to reprocess East Europe's atomic waste, now demands hard currency for the service, which is proving to be too expensive for Moscow's former allies.

Dr Zdenek Kriz, of the Czechoslovak Atomic Energy Commission, admitted recently that some of the country's plants had been built below international safety standards in the 1970s. "There was no discussion about safety," he told a recent conference. "Just an acceptance of Soviet philosophy which quietly differed on standards from the rest of the world."

MARC ASPLAND

Snap happy: Catrin Olsson, who is Miss Sweden, photographing Diana Tilden-Davis, her Miss South Africa rival, as Miss World contestants gathered at the national costume day in London yesterday

Miss World entrants dress to mislead

BY JOE JOSEPH

WHAT will happen if anthropologists in the 31st century use evidence gleaned from Miss World "national dress" photo-calls to get an idea of the 20th-century lifestyle?

It will be odd enough if they conclude that everyone in Britain wore a shortie Beefeater uniform. But what will they make of France's taste for grass skirts and shiny coconut-shell brassières? Is this what François Mitterrand wore at state banquets? "It is my national costume because I was born in Tahiti, which is part of France," says Mareva Georges, Miss France. "Of course they're real coconuts! It's just that they've been polished."

Anthropologists might use the outfit of Miss Honduras, Arlene Rocio Rauscher Duarte, to date the birth of magical realism in Latin America. "It's the costume of a Maya goddess," she says.

Miss Philippines, Gemith Gemparo, travels with ten pairs of shoes, below the national target, but probably enough to put anthropologists on the right track.

The Miss World final is in Atlanta on December 28. Sociologists will not be amazed that the 80 contestants want to devote their lives to caring for needy children.

Bobbies happy on poppy hot pot

Peking: The canteen manager of a Chinese police academy served up a stew containing opium poppy pods to try to boost business, according to the *Guizhou Daily*.

The "spicy hot pot" proved a big hit, a letter to the editor reported.

"After ordering it several times, people became addicted," the letter said. As a result drugged customers disregarded appalling hygiene in the dining rooms at Guizhou Public Security Cadres College, the writer said.

The newspaper noted in a commentary that the illegal pods were easily available in the Guizhou area in southwest China.

It did not say whether anyone had been arrested. *(Reuter)*

Wrong notes

Hanoi: Two Vietnamese government officials have been sacked for allowing 130 "reactionary" songs to circulate, some of them praising South Vietnamese soldiers who fought the communists, the official *Afrernoon News* reported. *(Reuter)*

Felix's fault

Felixstowe: A letter from one side of Felixstowe to the other took three months, clocking up 25,000 miles via Felixton in South Africa and Felixstow in South Australia. *(Reuter)*

Family man

Buffalo: A man who videotaped his rape of a 13-year-old girl was sentenced to 30 weekends in jail. A New York state supreme court judge admitted the punishment was light, but said it was aimed at keeping the man's children out of foster care. *(AP)*

Fixed agenda

Paris: Some 300 striking employees blockaded a building for several hours where Bernard Attali, the chairman of Air France, was holding a management meeting, until he promised to discuss their grievances, a company spokesman said. (Reuter)

All about Eve

Wellington: There was standing-room only when people lined up to buy hugs and kisses from Eve Van Grafhorst, a nine-year-old who became HIV positive after receiving a blood transfusion at birth in an Australian hospital. New Zealanders paid the equivalent of 15p a kiss to raise funds as part of World Aids Day tomorrow. *(AP)*

Sex abuse by carers uncovered

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

MORE than 15,000 mentally handicapped people are sexually abused each year, and those who care for them rank high among the abusers, new research reveals.

One in every 120 adults with mental disabilities has been sexually abused, researchers from the University of Kent have found, and, in just under 15 per cent of cases, the abuser was a member of staff caring for them.

Researchers believe that these figures are just the tip of the iceberg and that the problem is far more prevalent than the three-year project's initial findings show. Many more cases go unrecognised and unreported.

Hilary Brown, who headed the research and is a senior lecturer in mental handicap at Kent, said that carers, for example, were often reluctant to acknowledge abuse by other staff members and to believe mentally handicapped residents when they complained of being abused. Many were unclear what constituted sexual abuse because of the grey area of consent concerning mentally handicapped people.

The research, based on figures from 15 district health authorities in the South-East, found that the largest group of abusers (24 per cent) was other mentally handicapped people, mostly male.

PEOPLE

Respect learned

The **Princess Royal** believes that a lack of understanding of modern law may have led to a lack of respect for it. "If you can't understand what the law is saying and what the law means, there is a major problem for society itself," she said, delivering the 1991 Churchill lecture of the English Speaking Union in London.

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Sir Alastair Morton, the Eurotunnel chief executive, said of the arrival of high-speed foreign trains in the late 1990s: "This country is going to go berserk with humiliation in 1993 when the monster trains arrive in England and get stuck behind the likes of the 6.43 from Ashford via Tunbridge Wells. It's going to look ridiculous and be ridiculous."

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Imelda Marcos has said that the Philippines government pressed hotel managers to evict her from a $2,000-a-day (£1,130) hotel suite, so she is moving to a modest two-storey concrete house. **Horacio Paredes**, President **Corazon Aquino's** press undersecretary, denied Mrs Marcos's accusation, saying: "I don't think she is talking any sense."

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Jeremy Guscott, the England rugby centre, **Lucinda Cowden**, alias Melanie Pearson the *Neighbours* star, and **Gavin Campbell** from *That's Life*, launched the British Gas Kitefly '92 yesterday in aid of spinal research. Tiger the Cat, a lovable star of Stephen Spielberg's latest animated feature, *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West*, was there with two friends: **Louise Sugden** aged seven, who broke her back in a car accident, and **Shannon Murray**, aged 15, who suffered a broken neck in a diving accident.

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Marvin Mitchelson, the famous palimony lawyer, has been cleared of rape charges by a Los Angeles jury. The charges were brought in 1986 by **Kirsten Barret-Whitney**, who said the attack took place in Mr Mitchelson's office. After the verdict, an outraged Mr Mitchelson said of Miss Barret-Whitney: "She sues people. This is what she does for a living."

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Aung San Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner who has been held under house arrest in Burma since before she won elections as leader of the pro-democracy opposition, will be allowed to receive letters from her family, a Thai official said yesterday. Her husband, British-born **Michael Aris**, who is currently visiting professor at Harvard, requested correspondence privileges through the Thai prime minister, **Anand Panyarachun**. The Burmese have insisted that any letters be sent unsealed.

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Ukrainians weigh up advantages of severing historic links with Russia in independence referendum

Republic decides Union's future

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Ukraine votes tomorrow on two issues that could change the face of Eastern and Central Europe no less than the breaching of the Berlin Wall. Voters are choosing a directly elected president, and deciding whether the republic will stay in a new Soviet Union.

The outcome will determine not only the nature of the Ukraine, but the future borders and character of the state in the territory of the old Soviet Union. As Soviet officials are well aware, the Ukraine is not really comparable to the Baltic states. With its 52-million population (nearly 20 per cent of the present Soviet total) and more than 233,000 square miles of territory, including a long border and much rich agricultural land, it matters economically, strategically and politically. It cannot be replaced by building more ports, rerouting pipelines, and transferring troops.

Such is the importance of the republic that President Gorbachev has expressed dismay at America's reported intention to recognise the Ukraine if it votes for independence.

Moscow officials realise that undue lobbying by them could do much to tip the balance in favour of nationalism and independence. Apart from Mr Gorbachev's wistful hopes that he "cannot conceive of a Soviet Union without the Ukraine" and remarks from aides that Ukrainian independence will be considered if and when it happens, comment from Moscow has been sparse.

This week, Mr Gorbachev's aide, Georgi Shakhnazarov, said a Ukrainian vote for independence need not be taken any more seriously than existing declarations of independence from sundry Central Asian republics. He also cited an opinion poll suggesting that 55 per cent of the the residents of Kiev would vote in favour of staying in the Union. His remarks seemed to confirm that the old centre is watching closely and refusing, as yet, to panic.

The presidential election will offer little more than a barometer of the political mood. All candidates are running on a nationalist, independence and non-communist ticket. The variations are of degree, and political experience. If, as expected, Leonid Kravchuk, the current leader, wins, Moscow will be relieved to be dealing with an experienced political operator. Anyone else, even Vyacheslav Chornovil, the west Ukrainian leader and former political prisoner, would bring uncertainty.

Moscow, whether in the shape of Mr Gorbachev or Boris Yeltsin, knows it will have to deal with a strongly nationalistic Ukraine, that economic and military agreements will be subject to tough negotiation, and that thoughts of Muscovite hegemony must be abandoned. The Ukraine's furious reaction to Russia's suggestion back in August that borders might have to be renegotiated if republics became independent demonstrated the sensitivity of relations.

A vote for full independence is not a foregone conclusion. The threat of reduced energy supplies, steep price increases and possibly hostile neighbours may deter the faint-hearted. But the rise of nationalist sentiment seems to have brought the Ukraine to the point of psychological independence.

If a sizeable proportion of the 11-million strong Russian population votes for independence — on the ground that nothing could be worse than things are at present and that a westward-looking Ukraine would be better than an eastward-looking Russia — the Ukraine will look for "real" independence, in the form of international recognition. Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin oppose outright Ukrainian independence. However, it would be more easily accommodated by Mr Yeltsin's loose confederative model of a new Union than by Mr Gorbachev's new Union.

A large vote for independence which did not include the Russian population would put Moscow in the most difficult position because it would raise the border question. Because much of the Ukraine's heavy industry and natural resources are in the southeast, any territorial concession would also alter the balance of the republic's economy — initially, at least, for the worse.

One certainty is that if the Ukraine becomes independent, the Soviet Union will be no more. Russia would be the dominant partner in a Russia-Asia bloc. Central Europe would stretch towards the Russian heartland and only the present weakness of Poland and Russia would prevent a resurgence of the ancient struggle over the borderlands.

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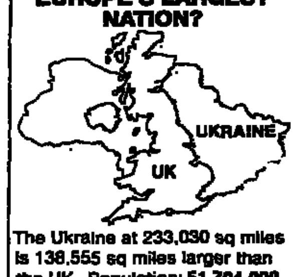
EUROPE'S LARGEST NATION?



The Ukraine at 233,030 sq miles is 138,555 sq miles larger than the UK. Population: 51,704,000

Main Ethnic Breakdown
Ukrainians: 38m
Russians: 11m
Byelorussians: 440,000

Read all about it: a Kiev woman distributing pamphlets before today's Ukrainian presidential election and independence referendum

Apparatchik airs nationalist credentials

Ukrainians, in the face of a barrage of gaudy propaganda, have lived the reality of empty shelves in the election run-up, **Robert Seely** writes in Kiev

THE Ukraine's six presidential candidates wound up their campaigns yesterday as the republic's voters prepared to choose the first freely elected leader in their country's history tomorrow. They will also vote in an independence referendum which is expected to break the three centuries of union between the Ukraine and Russia.

The elections in many parts of the Ukraine have been a low-key affair, suiting the depressed mood of the republic and the continued shortages of basic goods. "They all speak a lot, I've seen them on the television and radio," said Anna Dechenko, aged 42, a worker on a collective. "They all say good things but our shops are empty and our salaries small." Throughout Kiev, brightly coloured pink, yellow and blue slogans, similar to pre-perestroika propaganda, are encouraging Ukrainians to vote. "Independence is the path of fairness, humanity and historical brotherhood," declared one poster outside the opera house. At Wednesday's football match between Dynamo Kiev and Benfica, the Portuguese side, the Kiev supporters' stand was covered in a sea of blue and yellow flags.

Other placards hanging from tram wires or stuck on walls in the city endorsed the candidacy of Leonid Kravchuk, the Ukraine's current political leader, an apparatchik who has dominated media coverage of the presidential campaign amid accusations that he has unethically used his wide contacts within the former Communist party. Denying he is an opportunist, Mr Kravchuk said at a press conference yesterday: "It is only natural for a man to change his views as he gets older."

He confirmed that, as president, he would not enter into close political alliance with Russia or any other country. "There is no need to bow to [Russian leader Boris] Yeltsin after the December 1 referendum," he added. Mr Kravchuk's message of stability — ridiculously unrealistic, given that the Ukrainian government must introduce swift and far-reaching reform to rebuild its economy — has reassured an electorate of 37 million scared of change and scarred by a century of violence. He is guaranteed to be the clear winner tomorrow, although whether he will break the 50 per cent mark needed to avoid a run-off with Vyacheslav Chornovil, his main democratic rival, is touch and go.

Mr Chornovil, a former political prisoner and dissident, has been campaigning strongly on a nationalistic line, condemning Mr Kravchuk for his Communist past and allegedly bland economic reform plans. "Stabilisation is a propagandistic lie. We can't afford to stabilise because the level of economic paralysis is so high," Mr Chornovil said at his last sparsely attended public meeting in Kiev's cinematographers' club yesterday. Mr Chornovil's nationalistic vocabulary has been guaranteed to alienate the conservative, Russified belt of the Ukraine which stretches along the Black Sea coast and through the eastern part of the republic.

"Ukrainian nationalists are dangerous. We Slavs have lived together for a long time and we don't accept nationalism," said Viktor Lesolov, a senior steward working at the Lenin steelworks in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine.

Paris puts troops on Togo alert

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

FRANCE sent 300 combat troops to the border of Togo yesterday in apparent preparation for military intervention to protect French nationals caught between factions battling for power in the West African state.

An estimated 3,000 French live in Togo, most of them in the capital, Lomé, where Joseph Kokou Koffigoh, the prime minister, has been holed up in his official residence after rebel soldiers announced the removal of his transitional government, which is strongly backed by Paris. It was not clear if France was prepared to intervene militarily on his behalf, which he wants.

Looters strip Vukovar's ruins

FROM BILL FROST IN VUKOVAR

Battle scarred: an elderly Vukovar citizen peering around his bullet-riddled front door

LOOTERS have descended on Vukovar to strip every last item of value from the eastern Croatian town stormed last week by the Serb-led Yugoslav federal army.

The looters came in army transports, civilian lorries, vans and stolen private cars to take all they could. Under the unconcerned eyes of federal troops the looters filled their vehicles with television sets, videos, stereo equipment, canned goods, drink, cigarettes and furniture from those shops and houses which had not been flattened during the three-month bombardment. An army sentry at a checkpoint in the middle of a desolated suburb said: "Just take what you want, do what you want. Everybody else is."

Outside a small supermarket, pock-marked with bullet holes, a human chain of looters shifted booty from a shattered window to a 20-ton lorry. The old man lifting the case of mineral water bottles barely looked up when asked what was happening. "What do you think — were you born yesterday?" he demanded with some contempt.

Close to the flattened centre of Vukovar Serb irregulars drove cars left behind by the town's inhabitants. They appeared to believe they were on a dodgem ride at a fairground. They squealed round corners and braked sharply to avoid numerous shell craters, laughing wildly.

Across the little that is left of the town, a group of Chetniks, extreme Serb nationalists, were enjoying a picnic of local brandy and uncooked sausages at a road junction checkpoint. Fully armed, drunk and suspicious, few would have dared to argue when they demanded to search the vehicle.

A Chetnik, weighed down with grenades, several large knives and sidearms, released a large dog. The animal jumped into the car, ostensibly to sniff for explosives. Having completed its inspection, it urinated and then sat growling in the driver's seat for five minutes before the laughing handler could coax it out.

Each street in Vukovar bears witness to the devastation wrought by both sides in the civil war. Barely a building stands; those that do have been tattooed by machinegun fire or disfigured beyond repair by artillery, rockets or mortars. Bloated pig and cow carcasses are everywhere among the spent shells and abandoned weapons.

A few old civilians wander among the soldiers and looters. They talk to themselves and sob alongside the piles of debris and dirt which were once their homes.

At a wine cellar in the east of the town, Chetnik fighters insisted that we should inspect a haul of Croatian weaponry discovered on Thursday morning. There were slabs of Semtex explosive, bundles of dynamite, landmines, and crates full of Molotov cocktails.

One Chetnik, his black cap at a rakish angle and his breath reeking of alcohol, waved a Molotov cocktail from side to side. "You see this? In this confined space with all these other explosives we could blow what's left of Vukovar to hell," he said. Eventually the device was returned to the crate, but not before a macabre game of "throw-the-landmine" had been completed, with the Chetniks tossing the high explosive charges from one to another.

The federal authorities have grandiose plans to rebuild Vukovar. Government officials and businessmen unveiled the details during the week. Perhaps they should listen to one of the town's former inhabitants. He told a Belgrade newspaper: "The town is dead, let it go to hell. But let it never be forgotten."

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Kirgizia leader dies in crash

Moscow: Nasirdin Isanov, aged 49, prime minister of the Central Asian republic of Kirgizia, died yesterday in a road accident between Osh and Dzhalalabad.

He was driving with a representative of the American Siabek Group, who are considering credits for Kirgizia, to the Makmak Zoloto gold mine to confirm that guarantees offered by the republic would be reliable. *(AP)*

Extradition plea

Paris: France and Germany will ask Syria to extradite Alois Brunner, a Nazi war criminal believed to have lived in Damascus since 1955. He was deputy to Adolf Eichmann, who ran the Jewish extermination plan. *(AFP)*

Honecker plea

Hamburg: Erich Honecker, the former East German communist leader, has been meeting the Chilean ambassador in Moscow to find out if he might be able to live in Chile with his daughter Margot, *Bild* said. *(AP)*

High spirits

Helsinki: A Finnair airliner was unable to take off in Paris because bags of whisky and vodka bottles smuggled on board by the pilot jammed the controls, aviation officials said. The pilot has been grounded. *(AP)*

Actor dies

Los Angeles: Ralph Bellamy, the supporting star of more than 100 films, has died at 87 of a chronic lung illness. *(Reuter)*

China hits at Major on Dalai Lama talks

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING is "very concerned" at the prospect of John Major meeting the Dalai Lama next week, the first time a British prime minister will have talks with the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader.

Tian Zengpei, the Chinese deputy foreign minister, made China's displeasure known to Lord Caithness, the Foreign Office minister visiting Peking on a familiarisation trip. Lord Caithness said that he told his Chinese counterparts that the meeting between the Dalai Lama and Mr Major would be "purely a spiritual meeting in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury". To journalists he admitted, however, that "a lot will be discussed about human rights, but that is different from politics".

British diplomats say that the meeting will be a demonstration of concern about human rights abuses in Tibet, reflecting an increasing emphasis on the importance of human rights worldwide. A British official pointed out that, as a result, "the Dalai Lama is meeting people he has not previously met".

Lord Caithness told Mr Tian that Mr Major's meeting did not mark a fundamental change in Britain's attitude to the issue of Tibetan sovereignty. His attempts at reassurance, however, brought a tough statement from Mr Tian, who condemned any meetings between Western leaders and the Dalai Lama, whom he accused of attempting to divide China.

Lord Caithness, whose special responsibility is Hong Kong, said Chinese officials were also concerned about the possibility of democrats recently elected to Hong Kong's legislative council holding high office there.

Felipe takes Don John's lead

FROM HARRY DEBELIUS IN MADRID

FELIPE González, the Spanish prime minister, under attack for his infrequent visits to parliament, has promised to mend his ways and adopt the British style — appearing at least as often as John Major does in the Commons.

Señor González made the promise this week during one of his rare appearances before the Chamber of Deputies, when he also explained his position on the forthcoming Maastricht summit on European political and economic union. The Spanish leader appeared after parliamentary discussion last week in his absence, in which the main opposition, the conservative Popular party, had threatened to withhold its support on a consensus summit position unless the government offered a more complete explanation of its negotiating position.

Last Tuesday, Señor González had announced his intention of attending a parliamentary debate on the growing drug problem. However, in what was apparently a last-minute change of plan, he decided instead to spend the afternoon and evening at his residence learning more about bonsais — his hobby — from a visiting Japanese expert on the subject, Masahiko Kimura. His political opponents were especially annoyed because the man chosen to speak for the government in that debate, Julián García Valverde, the minister of health, is currently under investigation over irregular property dealings, in which he was involved when he was the chairman of the Spanish national railway network.

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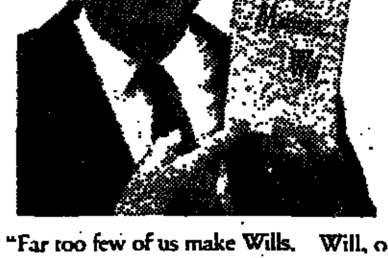

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Syria raises tension with nuclear plan

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

ISRAEL hinted yesterday that it may back down on its refusal to attend next week's planned Middle East peace talks in Washington, but new tension has appeared between Damascus and Jerusalem with an announcement in Peking that China plans to sell Syria a nuclear reactor.

The Israeli authorities, in a message to Washington, have responded angrily to the announcement. They do not object to the proposed 30-kilowatt miniature neutron reactor as such; it no military capability and will be used primarily for neutron activation analysis and other research work. However, Israel is concerned that Syrian scientists will acquire technological expertise which could one day help Damascus to develop nuclear weapons.

"It is very regrettable to see that the world still has not learned the size of the danger in providing a nuclear reactor and know-how to countries run by totalitarian dictators," one Israeli official was quoted as saying in *Davar*, the Hebrew daily.

"It was not long ago that we saw what such rulers are capable of doing when they achieve non-conventional capability. This is a negative trend and it is very important that it be stopped so that the peace process can be advanced," he said.

These fears were supported by John Large, an independent nuclear expert, based in London. "They will be using highly enriched fuels such as uranium and plutonium. These can be used to create the isotopes used in nuclear weapons. Although the reactor may sound small and only capable of lighting a few light bulbs, it is not size which counts, rather the amounts of fuel that are used," he said.

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, said that the government's decision not to send its negotiating team to Washington until December 9, five days after the scheduled talks are to begin, had not changed. But talks were taking place with Washington to reach a compromise. "You can be sure that we will do everything so that we do not miss this chance, but also we must safeguard our rights and our security," he said.

The right-wing coalition government could reconsider its controversial decision when the full cabinet meets at its weekly session tomorrow. Among the compromises suggested is the sending of a junior delegation to a preliminary meeting on Wednesday, followed later by the full resumption of bilateral dialogue with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation.

Although Mr Shamir's plan to postpone Israel's participation was originally greeted with some approval by right-wing Israelis, who thought their leader had been poorly treated during a recent visit to Washington, it is now dawning on most Israelis that the country cannot afford to be seen in the eyes of the world as the main obstacle to peace in the region. Israel not only risks handing its Arab foes a propaganda victory, but jeopardises chances of American approval for $10 billion loan guarantees to help absorb immigrants.

Israel's apparent intransigence was hightlighted yesterday when the Palestinian delegation to Washington set off to Amman for consultations in an apparently conciliatory mood. Haider Abdel Shafi, the leader, promised to consider moving the venue of the talks to the Middle East, as Israel has requested, but said there had first to be progress in Washington.

"If they are not going to come until the ninth, certainly we are going to wait. We will go to the negotiating table and sit there and wait," he said.

EC urged to allow drug use

London: European Community countries should legalise possession of small amounts of drugs that are for personal use, a committee of the European parliament recommended yesterday after an extensive study of drug use in Europe (David Watts writes). The report also called on European governments to provide drug users with free access to special medical care and free syringes.

The study said possession of illegal drugs "in small quantities for personal use should not be considered as a criminal offence".

Bomb suspect

Wellington: New Zealand says an accord over the two convicted French secret agents who blew up the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior* does not apply to Gerald Andries, also allegedly involved, recently arrested in Switzerland. *(Reuter)*

Patient dies

Palo Alto, California: The longest-surviving heart transplant patient, Willem Van Buuren, died aged 62, nearly 22 years after his surgery, Stanford University medical centre said. He had suffered chest pains and developed pneumonia. *(Reuter)*

Strike ignored

Delhi: A one-day nationwide strike called by the left-wing trade unions in India to protest at the increasing liberalisation of the economy and the feared privatisation of the public sector received little support, with disruption only West Bengal.

Activists held

Karachi: Police arrested more than 2,000 political activists in Pakistan's southern province of Sind, including senior officials of the opposition Pakistan People's Party led by Benazir Bhutto. The party called a general strike for today in protest.

Killer jailed

Sydney: John Wayne Glover, aged 59, a pie salesman who terrorised elderly women here for a year, was jailed for life for murdering six of them. The press had dubbed him the "Granny Killer" — all but one of his victims was aged more than 80. *(Reuter)*

Slump hits Bush's rivals

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

America's economic slump is said to be endangering President Bush's chances of re-election next year. In fact the opposite could be true: there is so little cash around that the president's Democratic challengers are being crippled by lack of funds.

Gone — into bankruptcy, prison or oblivion — are the Donald Trumps, the Charles Keatings, and the host of stinking-rich property developers who, hedging their bets, poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into Republican and Democratic coffers in boom-giddy 1988.

The last figures filed with the Federal Election Commission, on September 30, showed that the so-called "six-pack" of Democratic candidates had raised barely $2 million (£1.1 million) between them.

That combined total was less than Michael Dukakis had raised at the same stage in the previous election cycle. Richard Gephardt had spent $5.2 million even before the election year began, and experts say candidates need to raise at least $10 million to mount a serious campaign.

The slump also affects Mr Bush's fundraising, of course, but not to nearly the same degree. As the incumbent he has an infinitely greater ability to pry dollars from donors. At the beginning of this month, for example, he raised about $1.5 million, or two-thirds of the Democratic total, from just two $1,000-a-plate dinners in Houston and Dallas.

Ten days earlier Douglas Wilder, Virginia's governor, had addressed 1,800 members of the Black Dallas Chamber of Commerce and had come away with little more than promises. At a luncheon in Boston, Paul Tsongas, a former Massachusetts senator, had managed to raise the astounding sum of $4,200.

Compounding the Democrats' problems is the eternal hand-wringing of Mario Cuomo. He is the one candidate who would have the stature to attract real money, but until he declares his hand many traditional Democratic donors are understandably keeping their wallets shut.

Captain Kohl points Major to river of unity

The Maasticht summit has effectively already begun, with the protagonists criss-crossing Europe to thrash out their stances, **George Brock** writes

COUNTDOWN TO MAASTRICHT

EUROPEAN integration has been compared to almost every form of transport known to man. As the European Community approaches any moment of truth, Britain usually stands accused of being about to miss the next train, boat, plane or even bicycle. Now, before the Maastricht summit, John Major is being offered a choice between a conveyor belt and a river.

The river is the metaphor for the unification of Europe chosen by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. The significance of his choice is more than just a matter of Herr Kohl's folksy style, for the German leader can make or break the summit.

Last Sunday, he was asked by French television whether Europe could be more easily united without the inconvenience of having to include the reluctant British. Pointing out of the window of his office in Bonn, Herr Kohl said that current of European history was like the river Rhine.

You could divert or block the water, but eventually it would reach the sea. "And in the same way," the chancellor concluded, "European history will end in European unity." British reservations were really not a problem, he implied.

Margaret Thatcher and Europe's most ambitious federalists such as Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, see the future in more mechanical terms. Federalists, having watched much of the stuffing knocked or negotiated out of the political union treaty, want to transfer more sovereignty to Brussels later in the 1990s to compensate for the failure to agree changes now. Mrs Thatcher fears that Mr Major might emerge unscathed from Maastricht but then be carried off by a remorseless conveyor belt leading to a federal state.

The real battle of Maastricht lies more in the realm of image than in the small print of the treaty text. Will the outcome be as flexible as Herr Kohl's gentle, meandering river — and thus something which both Mr Major and the federalists can all claim meets some of their requirements? Or will the chancellor be persuaded to insist on putting ratchets and cogs into the treaty that ensure a steady transfer of power to the EC and away from the states?

No sooner had the chancellor used his easygoing river metaphor than German diplomats were bustling round Brussels stressing that Germany wanted to make sure that integration was truly irreversible by building a binding federal timetable into the treaty. But how far would the chancellor push Mr Major and *insist* on this machinery? Herr Kohl himself may not decide until he reaches Maastricht.

Playing hard: Mitterrand, right, is putting a tougher squeeze on Major than Kohl, left

The summit has to all intents and purposes already begun, since prime ministers are now criss-crossing European airspace every day to discuss the treaty. Foreign and finance ministers meet from tomorrow until Tuesday for their final drafting sessions before Maastricht. European socialist and Christian Democrat leaders both hold conclaves next week. The two-day meeting at Maastricht will be the last lap.

Many of the meetings which do not involve Mr Major are devoted to answering a single question about the British prime minister's behaviour: how far can he be pushed? President Mitterrand of France yesterday waved a threat apparently much tougher than any squeeze yet attempted by Herr Kohl.

If Britain dragged its feet too long, he told the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, it would be left out. Political union without Britain was "conceivable, but not desirable". But in spite of such intimidation and although at least half a dozen issues of principle remain divisive, a deal at Maastricht is increasingly probable. Neither France, Germany nor the influential christian democrat bloc show signs of wanting to back Mr Major into a corner.

Both President Mitterrand and Herr Kohl badly need a success from Maastricht. What they and Mr Major are now looking for is a set of formulae elastic enough to allow everybody to proclaim a victory.

A senior British official said: "Unusually for the time just before a summit, there doesn't seem to be a lot of posturing and hardening of positions. People really seem to want a deal."

That does not guarantee that the battered Dutch government, which is drafting the treaty and chairing the summit, can choreograph a completely harmonious meeting. The political union treaty has a bundle of loose ends. There is no sign of any compromise on Britain's insistence on no new EC powers to make labour or welfare law, least of all by majority vote.

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Smith rape trial will focus spotlight on the Kennedy clan

Smith: fate eclipsed by the family subplot

Charles Bremner in Palm Beach writes that America is riveted by the case that has put a dynasty in the dock for its history of womanising

AFTER an eight-month torrent of advance publicity, the curtain will finally rise in Palm Beach on Monday on the trial of William Kennedy Smith, an epic as much about America's disenchantment with the Kennedy clan as with the actions of a young man last Easter Saturday.

Mr Smith, a soft-spoken medical graduate aged 31, faces up to 15 years in prison if the jury convicts him of raping the woman with whom he had sex on the lawn of La Guerida, the crumbling beachfront mansion bought by Joseph Kennedy, the patriarch of the dynasty, 50 years ago. Mr Smith's lawyers say the woman is promiscuous and mentally unstable. They face Moira Lasch, a stern prosecutor determined to prevail over what she calls "the Kennedy machine".

The fate of Mr Smith is eclipsed by the emotional subplot that will be played out in the tiny courtroom and broadcast live on television. As hard as Roy Black, the chief of the million-dollar defence team, is fighting to keep the Kennedy ghosts at bay, the whole clan is being brought to book for its transgressions. Nothing could rivet the country more than the spectacle of Kennedys colliding with the obsession of the year in America: bad behaviour by men towards women.

The climax of the political drama will come, probably next week, when the ultraprim prosecutor interrogates Senator Edward Kennedy on his Good Friday crawl through the bars of Palm Beach with his son Patrick and Mr Smith, his newphew. He will be asked about the girls they met, the whisky he drank and whether or not he wore any trousers as he wandered around La Guerida. A beating in the witness box could doom his flagging political career.

In keeping with the circus-like atmosphere, local watering holes, overrun this weekend by an army of reporters, are offering a range of "Teddy" cocktails. You can also find "Lupo Lemon" ice-cream, named after Judge Mary Lupo, a tap-dancing fan and devout church-goer nicknamed Bloody Mary, who has been in constant conflict with Mrs Lasch through months of hearings and jury selection.

"We have a fear that people will hold Chappaquiddick against Will Smith," said Mr Black, a Miami lawyer whose avuncular charm is in stark contrast to the icy demeanour of Mrs Lasch. Mr Black and his team are depicting Mr Smith as a naïve man who was influenced by his uncle's excesses. Chappaquiddick, the 1969 accident in which a woman was drowned in the senator's car, stands for all the "womanising" the Kennedy brothers are deemed guilty of, as well as the power which enabled them to flout the law.

With no hard evidence of injury, the case is a classic test of the doctrine of "date rape". The six-member jury must decide who to believe. The woman, an unmarried mother who lives on an income from her wealthy stepfather, says she did not consent to the intercourse which took place after she accompanied Mr Smith home from the Au Bar club at 3am, removed her tights for a walk on the beach and kissed him. She was leaving when she says Mr Smith tackled her from behind and raped her between a pair of palm trees.

The press has been full of tales of Mr Smith's reputation for aggressiveness towards young women and the prosecutor has released statements from three who say he sexually assaulted them. The woman's underwear is the most important evidence, say the defence, because it shows no damage. They maintain that she became enraged when Mr Smith called her by the wrong name and they are calling her former fiancé to testify to a hatred of the Kennedys that they say stemmed from a an old feud between the dynasty and her Irish-Catholic stepfather.

No American trial has been subject to so much publicity or the involvement of resources so disproportionate to the needs of the case. Few television viewers have anything left to learn about Palm Beach's demi-world of nightclubs, fortune-hunting women and fast-living men. Airline pilots flying down the coast are telling their passengers: "On the left you will see Palm Beach, scene of The Trial."

Indifference is also being voiced at the other end of the scale. Florence Orbach, a pensioner who was interviewed for the jury, put it best in a now celebrated remark to the judge: "Who cares who diddled who?"

Mood of urgency in South Africa

Constitutional talks make fast progress

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa formally began creating a post-apartheid society yesterday with a sense of urgency instilled by political violence in black communities and threats of revolt by the white right wing.

Leaders of the government and of the other 20 parties involved made swift progress at a preparatory conference yesterday in advance of talks on the constitution. They agreed that the first round of the negotiations proper should be held at a trade centre near Johannesburg on December 20 and 21 and decided that the negotiations should be known as the convention for a democratic South Africa.

A notable absentee from yesterday's session was the right-wing Conservative party, which on Thursday won a by-election at Virginia in the Orange Free State by a large majority. Andries Treurnicht, the Conservative leader, hailed the capture of the ruling National party seat as vindication of his party's refusal to negotiate any form of power-sharing with South Africa's black majority.

Kobus Beyers, the successful Conservative candidate, said the poll showed that "white voters want nothing to do with [President] F.W. de Klerk's new South Africa, and will never accept majority rule". But National party leaders said the result had more to do with depressed local economic conditions than with the government's reform process and represented a victory of emotion over reason. Political analysts, however, concluded that the right wing now has the support of about half the white electorate and has become a force to be reckoned with.

While the preliminary talks were taking place at an airport hotel near Johannesburg, various right-wing groups held a secret conclave to co-ordinate resistance to the reform process. Their bellicose mood was summed up by Robert van Tonder, the leader of the Boerestaat (Boer State) party, who claimed that most members of the police and armed forces had turned against the government. "The two pillars on which the government has rested so far will help to oust it, if de Klerk continues to act against the will of the people," he said.

Zach de Beer, the liberal Democratic party leader, said the election result meant that Mr de Klerk "must go flat out and get a new constitution settled and in place as fast as he can". If there were a general election now, "it would be a pretty close-run thing, but there is not going to be another white election".

Ramaphosa: looking towards good outcome

The message seemed to get through to the preparatory conference, which brushed aside procedural difficulties raised by the radical Pan Africanist Congress and appointed two senior judges as co-chairmen of the meeting. Delegates suggested that Mr Justice Ishmael Mohammed and Mr Justice B. J. Schabort may also be invited to chair the forthcoming constitutional negotiations.

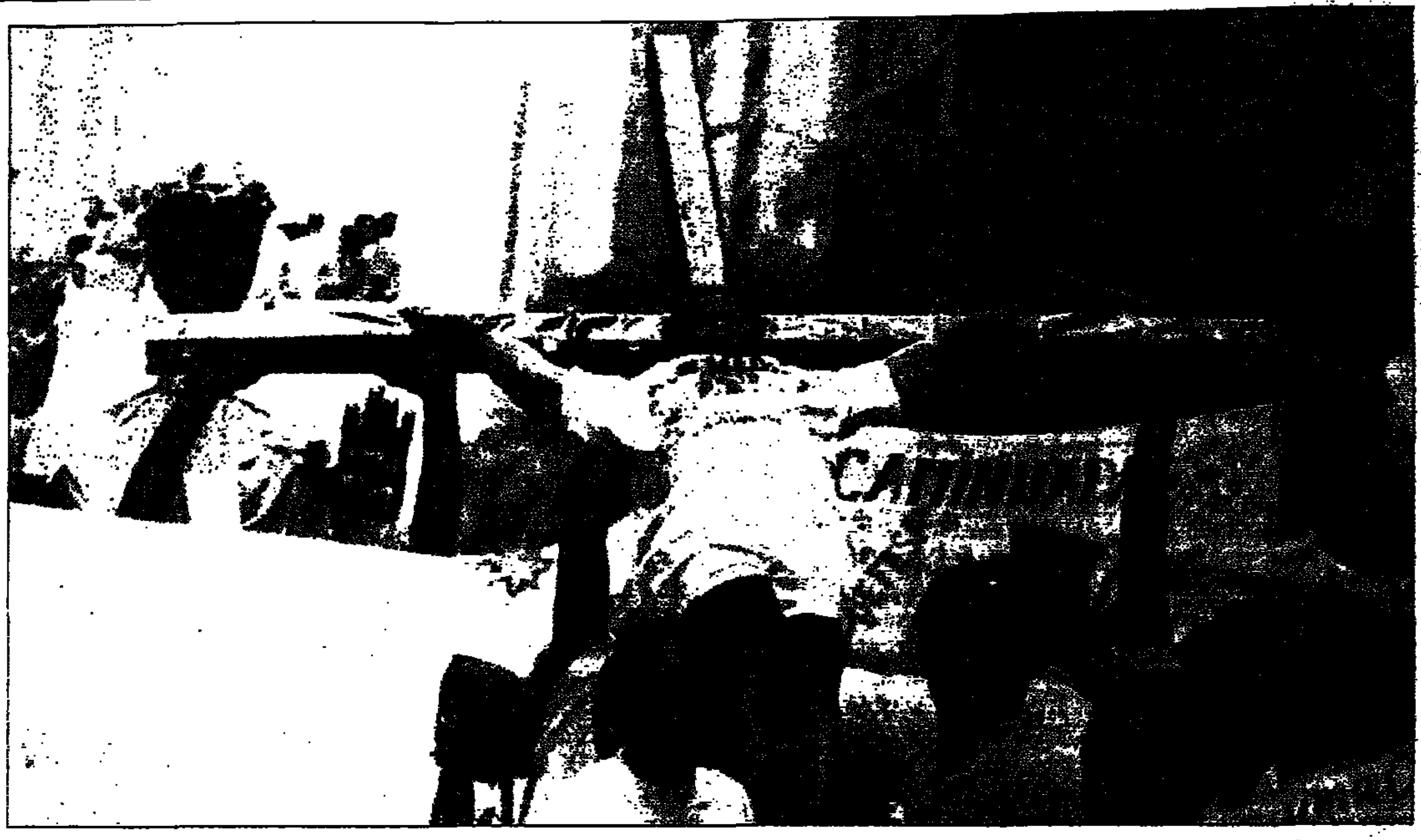
Pretoria sent two delegations, one representing the government, and the other the National party, but the tactical sleight of hand had no apparent effect on the general optimism. Cyril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general of the African National Congress, said: "We are looking forward to a very good outcome. The process is really kicking off in the most positive way we could have hoped for."

Gerrit Viljoen, the minister of constitutional development, agreed. "We feel very positive. We have put in a lot of preparatory work, and we should make good progress," he said.

Two issues will dominate the constitutional negotiations: who should draft the constitution, and who should govern the country in the interim.

Mr Ramaphosa spoke ardently yesterday in favour of an elected constituent assembly which, he said, would ensure that the constitution-makers would have the support of the entire population. Pretoria is firmly opposed to any such elected body, which would almost inevitably be dominated by the ANC and its allies.

There seems more likelihood of compromise on power-sharing during the transition period, since Mr de Klerk has accepted the principle of bringing other parties into government at executive level. One possibility under discussion is to invest legislative powers in the constitutional conference.



Victims' message: a boy carried on a cross symbolises the fate of street children in Rio de Janeiro as they protest against the death squads of off-duty police and freelance security guards hired by city merchants to combat break-ins and vandalism

UN Cambodia force retreats

BY DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a peaceful, democratic Cambodia were dealt another body blow yesterday when United Nations peacekeepers were withdrawn from frontline positions.

The withdrawal, reported from the northwestern town of Battambang, came because of fears of revenge attacks by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in response to the attack on Khieu Samphan and other members of the Khmer Rouge leadership after their return to Phnom Penh earlier in the week.

The peace agreement was already under severe pressure after the escape of the Khmer Rouge leaders. The inability of the UN forces to hold their positions is likely to call into question the whole future of the $1 billion (£565 million) operation which is to begin in earnest next March.

The 34 French and Australians making up the UN force were ordered to return to Phnom Penh only two days after arriving in Battambang, Cambodia's second biggest town. They were part of an advance mission in Cambodia and had been deployed to establish radio links between the UN and Cambodian army headquarters.

The withdrawal came as Son Sann, the leader of one of the non-communist Cambodian factions, urged the rapid deployment of UN peacekeeping forces to save the country's peace agreement. "I ask Untac [the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia] to come as soon as possible with as many people as possible," he said.

In Pattaya, Thailand, yesterday, Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, took responsibility for the violence which drove the Khmer Rouge leaders out of his country. He promised to provide them with a safe residence if they returned.

Tax-fraud politician is jailed

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

A FORMER Japanese cabinet minister received a punitive prison term yesterday for evading 1.7 billion yen (£7.4 million) in income tax from stock speculation profits while in office.

In a landmark case against Japan's tradition of money politics, Toshiyuki Inamura, the environment minister in 1986-7, was sentenced to three years and four months with hard labour, without possibility of remission. Inamura was the first politician to receive such a prison term, seen as a warning to others, since Kakuei Tanaka, a former prime minister, was convicted in the 1976 Lockheed bribery scandal. Sentences in tax evasion cases are usually suspended in Japan on pledges of future good conduct.

"The defendant betrayed the people by evading his duty to pay taxes," said Judge Shigeru Matsuura at the Tokyo district court. Inamura, who had pleaded guilty, asked for leniency on the ground that politicians required huge funds to stay in office and that he had shown remorse by resigning from his seat in the lower house.

"No exception shall be made for politicians. Businessmen also need funds to expand their businesses," Mr Matsuura said. He added that he also rejected leniency on the ground that Inamura had tried to conceal his transactions by using false identities. While a minister, Inamura surprised many of his colleagues in the Liberal Democratic party and members of his ministry by inviting stock dealers to his office.

Rio urchins protest at death squads

FROM MAC MARGOLIS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

TRAFFIC ground to a halt as 3,500 poor and homeless children marched down the broad Rio Branco Avenue of Rio de Janeiro in a protest against the plight of Brazil's street children.

A phalanx of wheelchairs led the march. Fluttering, hand-painted banners spoke of death and the right to life. There were acts by clowns, but the occasion was deadly serious. "A child means life, preserve him," proclaimed one banner.

Called *A Vida Pede Passagem* — roughly translated as "life, coming through" — the two-hour march was a poignant appeal for the authorities to halt the murder of minors by shadowy death squads.

The centre of Rio de Janeiro is a traditional protest venue by everyone from striking steelworkers to Labour party militants, but this was the first time that children had taken centre stage.

According to leaders of the Roman Catholic church and human rights organisations, more than 5,000 poor children have been murdered in the past three years in Brazil.

In metropolitan Rio de Janeiro alone, there have been 350 murders of street children in the same period.

The children are victims of extermination squads, made up of off-duty police and freelance security guards, hired by city merchants who fear break-ins and vandalism.

Many others are casualties in the escalating war between drug traffickers, who have lodged firmly in the many lawless *favelas*, or shanty towns, that crown Rio de Janeiro's hillsides and border the opulent South Zone residential neighbourhoods.

Although no one has an accurate count, child advocacy groups estimate that up to seven or eight million children live on the streets of Brazil. However, Alceni Guerra, the minister of health and children's affairs, has contested these numbers, saying that there ae no more than two million.

But officials agree that tens of thousands of poor Brazilian children are condemned to a life of danger and abuse in the streets of the country's big cities.

Many of these children have homes, but they are often ordered out to the streets for days at a time to sell sweets, pencils, or to beg in order to supplement family income. Most of these children are black, and come from poverty-stricken, broken homes.

They sleep on park benches, on verandahs, or in abandoned buildings, often with no more than newspapers for blankets. They quickly fall into a life of thieving, prostitution, glue-sniffing and hard drugs. Many merchants have hired off-duty police to "dispose" of them.

The murders are chillingly familiar and daily fill the crime pages of big city newspapers. Usually a child's body is found with several knife wounds or bullet holes. Torture is followed by a final, fatal wound to the head.

The Brazilian league for the defence of human rights has issued a "universal declaration of the rights of children", calling on the authorities to ensure that Brazilian youngsters have access to proper health care, education and protection.

Ferry from Haiti terror

FROM ALAN TOMLINSON IN MONTROUIS, HAITI

ROGER Vallière, aged 29, has been on the run since Haitian soldiers came looking for him in the slums of Port-au-Prince a month ago. He worked there as a political organiser for President Aristide until the coup at the end of September.

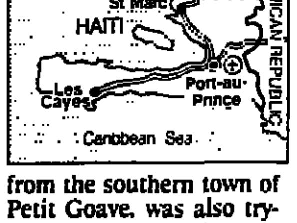
Several days ago Mr Vallière's neighbours brought news to his hideout in a village not far from here. The two small children he left behind in their care, Vanel, aged three, and Marie Esther, two, had been killed when soldiers came looking for him again, this time shooting wildly at his house.

"They told my neighbours to tell me that if I ever show my face there again they will kill me, too," he said. "Things have become too hot to stay here. It's time to get out."

Mr Vallière had come to the little west coast fishing village of Montrouis to look for a boat to freedom in the United States, one of a growing number of refugees who have been overwhelming the efforts of the US Coast Guard to turn back the desperate human tide. He found a skipper willing to take him as far as the off-shore island of Gonave from where, he was told, boats were setting off almost daily for Miami.

Venus Semilus, the skipper who took him, usually carries cargo to Port-au-Prince. These days, however, he said, there was more money to be made ferrying refugees to Gonave for $25 (£14) each. Since the coup, business had doubled to 100 passengers a trip.

Joseph Oreste, aged 42, a pro-Aristide organiser from the southern town of Petit Goave, was also trying to escape. "They arrested many members of my family," he said. "If they arrest me I am dead, so if I can find a boat I will take it."



Washington says cases of political persecution such as these are in a small minority among the 4,500 boat people intercepted at sea since the coup. American officials say the overwhelming majority of the refugees are fleeing for economic reasons and only a handful qualify for political asylum.

Pierre Smith, aged 33, readily admits that his reasons for leaving Haiti are basically economic: he simply wants a better life. He had come to Montrouis to try for a second time to reach Miami. His last attempt two years ago, when he set off in a wooden sailboat with 188 others, ended after 11 days when they picked up by the US Coast Guard cutter Hamilton, which returned them to Haiti.

Salomon Wazenel left in a small boat with nine other people in November 1987 after the Tontons Macoute wrecked Haiti's first democratic election by shooting down voters at the polls.

Pulling out his voting card for last year's election, Mr Wazenel said: "Just having one of these on you can prove you voted for Aristide, and that means you have a problem for the rest of your life."

- **Port-au-Prince:** The Haitian senate is to sue the United States, Canada and other countries for damages Haiti has suffered because of an international embargo. *(Reuter)*

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Clifford Longley

Eastern Europe will be a battlefield for churches

The Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, Aleksii II, is boycotting the current synod of European bishops called by the Pope, as a protest at alleged Roman Catholic expansionism in the former Soviet Union. He is particularly upset at the Pope for recently appointing the first Catholic Archbishop of Moscow. In the Ukraine, the two churches — which have never much liked each other — are at loggerheads over the ownership of church buildings relinquished by the state.

As the battlefields of Croatia painfully record, Catholic-Orthodox strains in Eastern Europe go beyond hurt dignity and problems over property. The synod, which was called by the Pope to discuss the state of Europe after the collapse of communism, will find that the demise of the church's main ideological enemy over the last 70 years is not yet a signal for celebration.

Catholicism emerged from the darkness of the communist era with much cleaner hands than most parts of the Orthodox Church, which were compromised by their subservient relationship to those former regimes. So Catholicism, which generally endured much more severe persecution under communism than did Orthodoxy, is now more attractive than Orthodoxy. Nevertheless, the Pope eschews inter-church competition, and on Thursday warmly welcomed to Rome such Orthodox and Anglican observers as had turned up for his synod.

How is the church to prevent itself squandering its victory over Marxist-Leninism? Should it — and can it — try to resist the slide of mainly Catholic East European states into Western materialism, consumerism and secularism? More than half the delegates are from Western Europe. They are likely to tell their Eastern brothers that the West's version of Catholicism (and of a civilised society) is not so bad. Faced with decisions about how far Catholicism could be liberalised before it began to fall apart, most of them have pushed it quite a long way. The Pope and many senior cardinals would say it has gone too far, and have tried to pull it back. Such conservatives stress indicators of moral and religious laxness such as abortion and divorce, whereas more liberal, Western churchmen would also stress democracy, the welfare state, human rights and peace.

While Western European Catholicism has spent the last two generations distancing itself from its pre-war right-wing politics, and trying to engage in a fruitful dialogue with modern culture, East European Catholicism's experience has been radically different. When not actually dodging bullets and trying to stay out of prison, the emphasis for priests was on survival. This bred a tough faith, intolerant of what they see as Western dilettantism. In some countries, Catholics were forced to keep their heads down for so long that they have scarcely caught up with the major reforms in Catholic thinking and practice arising from the Second Vatican Council of 1962-5. The danger is that they will not have assimilated Vatican II's condemnation of anti-Semitism, or will not sufficiently appreciate the rights of other religious minorities. Despite the Vatican's encouragement of friendship associations with Jews, some Croatian Catholics' attitudes to the rights of Orthodox Christian Serbs in Croatia seem distinctly pre-conciliar, and have certainly exacerbated the present conflict. A Catholic apology in good time to Serbians for massacres during the war might have prevented some of the current ill-feeling.

Catholic church leaders from Eastern Europe do not lack power and prestige in their newly liberated countries. Indeed the temptation before them is to revert to the *ancien régime*, with an authoritarian altar-throne axis in democratic guise. What they need to know is how to survive in a Westernised, secular culture, and how to adapt their local policies accordingly.

Christianity in Western Europe can hold up both its successes and its failures as object lessons to the east. One success, at least, is the radically improved state of its relations with other, non-Catholic, churches. The lesson is that not every advantage should be pressed to the limit. Charity comes first. Eastern European Catholicism has yet to learn to woo the Orthodox churches into real friendship, and set aside the rivalry of a thousand years.

The Times Book of Clifford Longley *is published by HarperCollins at £15.99.*

This week's discovery of a boy living in isolation fascinates us all, writes Mary Medlicott

Enigma of the wild child

The 11-year-old boy found living with his mother in an animal-filled Surrey house this week had very rarely been out. So far as proper relationships are concerned, he was a complete stranger to society. With his long blonde hair it was inevitable he would remind people of jungle boys. Tarzan and Mowgli in the fictional world and the long trail of real-life feral cases, children said to have been reared by animals or simply to have grown up in the wild on their own.

Wolf-children and wild children have fascinated philosophers and scientists for hundreds of years, their stories acting as moral tales, either warning about the potential degeneracy of mankind without the blessings of civilisation, or suggesting what modern man has lost by becoming so separated from the earth. In this, the cases are linked with myths and legends from all over the world in which heroes are fed or reared by wolves, tigers, bears, and deer.

From the time of Linnaeus and Rousseau, a clutch of cases has played a recurring part in attempts to understand the history of the species. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, they came up again in regard to child development, the comparative importance of nature and nurture and the significance of early experience.

The subject took a new turn with the discovery of Caspar Hauser in 1828. This strange young man was thought to have been imprisoned since early childhood. His behaviour and speech were very bizarre, but thoughts about him soon became bathed in Romantic ideas about the purity of childhood. People such as the anthroposophist Rudolf Steiner saw him as a mystic symbol of how the world could ward off evil.

The imprisonment Hauser was thought to have suffered necessarily involved the complicity and awareness of other people, and as such it appears more horrific than isolation in the wild. What has dumbfounded officials about the Surrey boy is that his isolation happened in an end-of-terrace house. The child's birth had been registered. There were neighbours. He had even crawled through the hedge sometimes to the next door garden, and the woman there had tried to befriend him.

As in Harper Lee's haunting book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the neglected presence of an isolated human being is a challenge to all around. Always there is a balance to strike between common compassion and the wish not to interfere. When one delves into wild-children cases, it seems clear that some, like the wild boy of Aveyron, were not completely unknown, but had been hanging around the fringes of civilisation. With Caspar Hauser, however, a new and chilling link was made between feral children and the innumerable cases of children abandoned *within* society.

This is the realm in which the NSPCC works. Here Romanian orphans and Mexican street children are merely new themes to add to an age-old tale of ill-treatment. That tale is itself closely linked to the Romulus and Remus motif. In a terrible indictment of human beings, animals in myth step in to fill the abnegated role.

As well as physical neglect — long unkempt hair, uncut nails, inability to stand upright — inability to speak has been a common characteristic of these children. In the 1940s, an American girl called Isabelle, found at the age of six after being shut away in a darkened room with her deaf mute mother, not only subsequently learnt to speak but caught up to a normal educational level. However, another American girl, called Anna, discovered at the same age around the same time, made much poorer progress.

Even where subsequent educational and social development is good, the experience of extreme isolation can leave terrible psychological scars. Czechoslovakian twin boys who had suffered extreme neglect within their family made excellent progess after being found in 1967, including successful relationships in a new foster family. However, they hated any reminder of their early deprivation, and this remained a problem for them.

In the case of the Surrey child, the prospects look good. The boy evidently has a close bond with his mother. He is reported to have higher than average verbal ability for his age and also to be able to read and write. His mother has obviously looked after him in many important ways.

Nevertheless, isolation also wreaks another kind of damage. A macabre aspect of such cases is that they have always drawn the crowds. Sometimes this has brought compensations. Visitors attracted by a wild boy brought to London in the early 18th century included Defoe, Swift and Arbuthnot, all of whom wrote with verve about him. But there has traditionally been great cruelty in the way such children have been treated.

The 74 animals in the Surrey house were taken in charge by the RSPCA. Some were in such poor condition they had to be put down. What will happen to the boy and his mother? Society generally expresses itself astonished that something so outlandish could happen. As if a black hole had emerged in space, pulling people stunned towards it, the incident reveals both how strong and how fragile our social systems are. Isolation is fascinating to human beings. But with luck this boy's transition to a wider society will be allowed to take place gently.

The author is writing a book on wild children.

The soul of a lady of letters

The BBC's *Clarissa* is a tribute to the great power of Richardson's epistolary novel, says Jane Gardam

I was lucky to be published. I had written an epistolary novel, and although everyone leaps to pick up the rare letter with the address handwritten in ink among the heaps of junk on the doormat, I was told "nobody wants to read a book of letters now". An American publisher told me that he had tried an epistolary novel a year ago and it was a disaster. Letters in England seem to be written now only after a death (when, I may say, they bring surprising comfort), relics of an old civilised discipline.

But who sits down now to private correspondence? Only the old, the mad, the rich under-employed and the literate. I had to make my heroine all of these. Few others know the rules. Two generations ago, most people did. A great-aunt of mine criticised a friend's (very entertaining) letters because "she writes as she talks". Another old woman I knew picked up a letter by a corner and said, "Just look at this: every paragraph beginning with I. What manners." The telephone and the slowness of the post have almost wiped out the love-letter.

But in 1748 Samuel Richardson's epistolary novel *Clarissa* cornered the market. It swept across England and the continent, and young women everywhere gobbled it up. They wrote letters to each other about it — letters about letters — for letters were what they knew about. They were the safety-valve for women cooped up in country houses waiting to be married off, long slow days enormously relieved by the friendship of other women on paper, and nice exercises in composition. A snowstorm of imitations of *Clarissa* followed, but then at last died away, or rather turned into the 19th-century novel of protracted debate (*Jane Eyre* is one: much of it reads like letters). These intense analytical studies of heroines are quite different from those before Richardson, such as sly *Moll Flanders* of a century before. Moll's letters were brief, economical with the truth and usually bad news. A letter from Moil and you got on your horse.

It is the wonderful candour of Clarissa Harlowe's letters that makes them live so long after their time. They still refresh the heart, and sometimes even shock as they did then.

The most brilliant letter-writer of the day, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, would never have turned her letters into anything as common as a novel, though she loved novels and distributed her brilliant Embassy Letters in a very cleaned-up private edition among friends. Clarissa's candour, she said, is almost indecent. It made the book, she said "a joy to chambermaids of all nations". Clarissa is "so faulty in her behaviour as to deserve little compassion. It will do more general mischief than Lord Rochester."

Lady Mary, patrician to her dirty unheeded fingernails, detested Richardson and said he knew nothing of the class he described. He had to ask advice about upper-class manners from a friend of hers, and sulked off home when she told him his mistakes. (Was there a mistake in the television production by the way? Did servants knock on downstairs doors in 1748?)

No girl of Clarissa's class, said Lady Mary, would have treated her mother like that or committed the ultimate obscenity of going off with Lovelace and then refusing to sleep with him. Lady Mary, as her editor once told me, was "a hard-mouthed bitch", but she was often hilarious.

Clarissa was not hilarious. Her flight, a mighty act of defiance, leads to an assault on Lovelace, her would-be seducer, which fills volumes with an intense, merciless enquiry into the nature of love, marriage and virginity that leaves Germaine Greer seeming inarticulate. Her words poured over him like tidal waves, strong and relentless enough to topple the devil, which of course in many ways is what Lovelace is supposed to be.

And like the devil, he is a good correspondent (C.S. Lewis's Screwtape too was most entertaining: he enjoyed the onslaught and struck back). What is interesting about Lovelace, and so different from heroes of contemporary fiction, is his passionate interest in morality, even while his whole pleasure in life is to disregard it. And he is frighteningly attractive, as of course the devil should be. One would have expected Richardson to have guessed this, and not to have been so appalled when he discovered that all the silly girl readers in England had fallen in love with him. He was as shocked as Defoe had been a century earlier when he found that his public had all taken a shine to dreadful Moll. You can't be too careful with villains. Macbeth and Shylock always take over the plays.

The television adaptation is dispensing with the structure of a book written entirely in letters, as it has to. Yet we see Clarissa stretching for her pen in every crisis like a drug-addict reaching for a fix, and it is considered in the family her rather comical obsession. But there is no endless scratching of quills. The dramatic — melodramatic — events take over.

But oh how refreshing was *Clarissa* on television this week! Such a relief from Victorian bonnets and muffs and platform bosoms and buns and hair brooches; or the greenery-yallery drooping hems of Bloomsbury; or the rumpy-pumpy sleaze of present-day bedroom drama. Here was the excitement of what Clarissa's mother called, softly stroking them: "the very finest silks": the men as well as women with painted faces, the mountainous dotty wigs, the sweeping curtsies, the enormous formality and ceremony, punctuated with spats of savage duelling and physical violence. Maidens screeching, lords a-leaping, and new, beautiful houses with sparkling windows and wonderful rooms and furniture, and wide clear landscapes and skies.

Yet it is all serious stuff, not fancy dress. What women in particular have always liked about Clarissa Harlowe is her consistent bravery. She may be somewhat heavy weather now and then, but she makes her reckless flight from her gilded cage into the keeping of a man set to ruin her, and she refuses to be ruined. "I owe a duty to myself," she says — and does it.

Jane Gardam's The Queen of the Tambourine *(Sinclair Stevenson, £13.95) won this year's Whitbread novel award.*

...and moreover

Philip Howard

What so wild as words are? Edgar Allan Poe said that by ringing small changes on the words *leg of mutton* and *turnip* he could "demonstrate" that a turnip was, is, and of right ought to be, a leg of mutton. Listen with narrowed eyes to anybody who bangs on about the true or correct meaning of a word, as we all do at times.

Take the slogan "Naughty but nice", claimed to have been invented to puff cream puffs by Salman Rushdie, when he was in advertising. There you have two of the most slippery adjectives in the English language. Their continuing career is a commentary on social history down the centuries. Naughty started its life to mean having naught, skint. That is how it is used in the greatest poem of Middle English, Langland's *Piers Plowman*: "All manner of men / That needy be and naughty, help them with thy goods." From there, it came to mean inferior in quality. In *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, Robert Burton was a naughty-as-worthless man: "Thou wilt not have bad coin, bad soil, a naughty tree, but all good." And here is Joseph Moxon in his matrix book on printing of 1683: "The compositor will bow the letter, and pop it into a waste box in the case, where he puts all naughty letters." This is the naughtiness at Jeremiah 24, 2, which has made generations of schoolboys snigger: "One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad." As late as 1896, an Etonian memoir could reminisce: "The cherries were fraudulent, sour, and naughty throughout."

In the 16th century, naughty branched out to mean morally bad as well as worthless. Portia, in *The Merchant of Venice*: "So shines a good deed in a naughty world." These adjectives of praise and blame seem to be more volatile than others. We need them all the time to remake the world in our own words, and each generation puts its own gloss and emphasis on them.

Naughty has acquired dozens of other meanings in its twisted career. It used to be applied to that English obsession, the weather. Here is the Fool in *Lear* giving the evening weather report: "Prithee, nuncle, be contented. 'Tis a naughty night to swim in." Recently naughty has been trivialised to a nursery word applied to children. And hence its use by advertising puffers to describe the harmless activity of biting into an eclair. Don't count on naughty staying in the nursery and on the billboard. No word stands still.

On the sunny side of the lexicon, nice has had quite as meandering a career. It came into English from Old French in the 13th century, meaning silly or simple, derived from the Latin *nescius* ignorant. From that simple start, it has branched out into even more diverse meanings than naughty.

Down the centuries nice has been used by idiomatic English speakers and the best writers to mean everything from extravagant and strange and trendy to lazy and effeminate. It has meant slender. *The Faerie Queene*: "As Ladies wont, in pleasures wanton lap / To finger the fine needle and nice thread." It sprouted a great cluster of meanings around the notions of precision and fastidiousness. With the nice male bias of language, for a considerable period of nice's life, to describe a gentleman as nice meant that he was bad-tempered, a formidable old thing. But to call a woman nice meant, as so often in English, that she was no better than she should be. There is a lot of wishful thinking in the male chauvinism of language.

This is the sense intended by Moth, Armado's cheeky page, in *Love's Labour's Lost*: "These are compliments, these are humours, these betray nice wenches." In its time, nice has meant trivial, or dangerous, or coy. It will answer to "Hi!" or to any loud cry, such as "Fry me!" or "Fritter-my-wig!" Its latest role is as the all-purpose epithet of woolly approval. If "nice" is the only adjective you can think of for something, you might as well not bother.

But I suspect nice is on the turn again. I think "nice" is increasingly used between inverted commas, with a hint of sarcasm. Words are always on the turn, far more slippery than cream buns.

THE TIMES DIARY

Blessed are the novelists

JEFFREY ARCHER is to be asked to act as peacemaker between John Major and Mrs Thatcher in an attempt to prevent any more public rows in the run-up to Maastricht. Relations between Mrs Thatcher and the government have reached such a low ebb that there is no good candidate left in the cabinet who could act as an intermediary. Hence the appeal to Archer, who is one of the handful of Tories who remain close to both.

Mrs Thatcher's closest friend in the government, John Wakeham, made clear his irritation with his former leader in a speech in Japan earlier this week, when he claimed Major's cabinet is more united than any of hers ever was. Mrs Thatcher has privately conceded that she regrets using the word "arrogant" in her ITN interview to describe Major's opposition to a referendum, but she is said to stand by the rest of her comments.

The idea of using Archer as a go-between came from Major himself, and it is inconceivable that the novelist will reject the invitation to try to unify the party. One ministerial source says: "Jeffrey is the man to do it. We hope Mrs Thatcher will grasp this opportunity to build bridges.

The only social function that has brought Mrs Thatcher and Major together in the past six months was Archer's silver wedding anniversary party. Mrs Thatcher celebrates her 40th anniversary early next month, and although Archer is on the party guest-list it is unlikely that the prime minister will join them for the occasion. Ministers hope, however, that with Archer's help, the two will at least exchange cards at Christmas.

● *The Post Office has produced a checklist of the best answers given to detector teams seeking out TV-licence dodgers. A favourite comes from a Birmingham man whose rooftop aerial was apparent for miles around. "I've got five pints of milk on the doorstep," he told investigators. "But that doesn't mean there's a cow in the kitchen."*

Party savings

YESTERDAY was Yugoslavian National Day, and for the first time since the second world war, the occasion found the Yugoslavian Embassy in Kensington quiet. Instead of the usual festivities, staff spent the day in mourning.

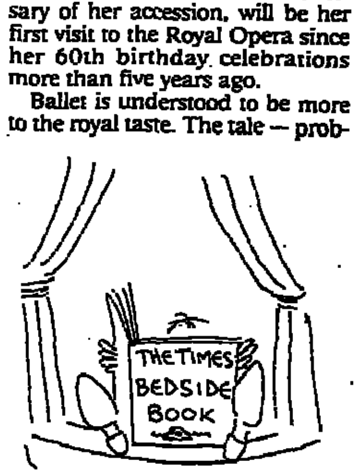
Last week the embassy proposed a toned-down celebration, a modest lunchtime affair of drinks and canapés, with drastic pruning of the usual 300-strong guest-list of diplomats and politicians. But with the worsening situation, even that was cancelled.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who has attended most of the parties over the past 45 years, and who returned from his latest trip to Yugoslavia yesterday, says: "Their attentions are elsewhere. I am not surprised that people are not in a party mood. It is hardly the time." The deputy ambassador, Fergus Starcevic, says he and his colleagues collected £1,500 — cash that would have been spent on the party — to send to the Yugoslavian Red Cross.

Amused, by order

THE QUEEN is going to the opera — a rare event in the royal household. Her Majesty's visit next February to Covent Garden's *Don Giovanni*, as part of the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of her accession, will be her first visit to the Royal Opera since her 60th birthday celebrations more than five years ago.

Ballet is understood to be more to the royal taste. The tale — probably apocryphal — is told at Covent Garden of Prince Philip, whenever an opera visit cannot be avoided, taking a book to read in the seclusion of the royal box. The Palace says: "The Queen enjoys opera — when she goes."



Watch and pray

WHAT were the first words uttered by Terry Waite when his captors told him he was to be freed? Praise the Lord? Thanks be to God? Not at all. According to Lambeth Palace sources, Waite had other things on his mind. When told of his imminent liberty:

Recognising the messenger as one of his original kidnappers, he complained: "When you captured me, you took my watch and crushed it. The very least you could do is go and buy a new one." Before Waite was finally set free, the man duly reappeared and presented him with a watch, which Waite was wearing when he landed at RAF Lyneham. Waite later told the tale to Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, adding, "but it was not as good as the one I lost."

● *The Dulwich Players have had to announce the postponement of their production of Molière's* The Hypochondriac *until January "as a result of illness". Real or imagined they do not say.*

Not again

ALL those who are heartily sick of Maastricht even before the summit has begun will be dismayed to learn that the Dutch government has already "lightly pencilled in" two possible sets of dates for a second summit — one just before Christmas and the other between Christmas and the New Year.

According to sources at the European Commission, the further summit would only take place if agreement were not reached at the first, and it is felt that a second meeting could tie up the loose ends. Fortunately the Dutch contingency plan is unlikely to be used. After all, no EC leader wants to risk the odium of failing to agree at two summits in the same month. But, probably much more important, it will be a very unpopular leader who forces fellow heads of state to interrupt their Christmas holidays.

THE MAGIC FLUTE

How has he done? A year ago this week Britain acquired a new prime minister. John Major emerged surprised and blinking into the light from the smoking-rooms of Westminster, the candidate of the club that had toppled the candidate of the people. He achieved the highest office without popular election or even the test of a serious political crisis. Like Tamino, he had taken the magic flute from the Queen of the Night, but had not yet been put to test by fire and water.

He has now. A political leader can only be judged by comparison, in Mr Major's case with Margaret Thatcher had she stayed in office, or with his rivals for the job. What, amid the storm of circumstance, has been the value he has added to his country's government and his party's fortunes? Did the assassins who stalked into Mrs Thatcher's room a year ago get what they wanted?

The answer must be yes. They wanted a change, a calmer, more collective style of leadership, a less belligerent approach to the rest of Europe, a more user-friendly custodianship of the welfare state. They wanted one of their own, not an outsider like Michael Heseltine. They wanted an image of commonwealth, not the aristocratic Douglas Hurd. In their heart of hearts, they also wanted a bit of a rest.

A prime minister must offer the country at least two out of the familiar trinity: competence, vision and charisma. Mr Major has passed the test of competence both at home and abroad. From the Gulf war through the poll tax crisis, the public spending round, the health service argument and now the Maastricht split, he has conducted cabinet and party government in textbook fashion. He is a collaborator in the ministerial endeavour, not an antagonist. Over Downing Street rises the sound of a government pulling together, not apart. There are fewer leaks and fewer gaffes. Mrs Thatcher's tank is in the garage and the old Whitehall Rolls is back in use.

Vision has so far come harder to Mr Major. Quite why is not clear. He seems to find the "vision thing" trivial, almost cynical, in the political repertoire. In this he is wrong. The electorate responds to idealism, be it the scientific modernism of Lord Wilson or the anti-corporatism of Mrs Thatcher. Whether or not it is being conned, the nation likes to feel it is electing an idea as well as a chief executive. The question is not what Mr Major himself believes, but what intellectual and moral framework is implied by a vote for him. Like it or not, the answer in Mrs Thatcher's case was clear. In his case it is not.

Mrs Thatcher's electoral appeal took definition from her public enemies, the unions, big government, Labour councils, the Soviet Union, Brussels federalists. In his search for contrast, Mr Major has made friends. He likes the health service, the teachers, his European partners. Russians and Americans are welcome at his table. The great institutions of the central state, benevolently marshalled by Sir Robin Butler and the Treasury, have no fear of him. His October conference speech as leader was bloodless. He learned his politics in the anti-statist school of Thatcherism. Yet he seems eager to put all that behind him. His one great argument is with his own right wing, but deft whipping can cope with that.

This ideological fog is deliberate. Mr Major's advisers are rightly chary of making their man into something that he is not. The strategy is to emphasise the politics of competence and niceness, hoping that the charisma of niceness follows. But Mr Major's opponent next year, Neil Kinnock, will be playing the niceness card too.

Niceness should not be underrated as a leadership attribute. Ronald Reagan traded it at a premium. A quick, confident smile is worth a thousand votes. If Mr Major could find a less clichéd delivery, find a touch of Mrs Thatcher's instinctive street language, recover the humanity of his Gulf war style, he could yet convert ordinariness into star appeal. To be unexciting but good at one's job is better by far than the converse. Mr Major has fully vindicated his choice as party leader to his colleagues and has governed well. The flute is still aplaying, but the final test has not yet come, and the Queen of the Night is in the wings and singing.

MINISTERIAL CONTEMPT

If a government or minister breaks a legal obligation, who is to enforce the law? Some constitutional purists would say it is only for Parliament, if necessary by turning government or minister out of office. The public would feel safer if the courts also took a hand. Ministers would doubtless like to escape either form of control. They should face both.

Yesterday the Court of Appeal agreed with this belt-and-braces approach to the supervision of the executive, by two votes to one. In so doing it disagreed with Mr Justice Simon Brown, who in July had refused to find the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, guilty of contempt. The judge had ruled that the righting of ministerial wrongs lay solely with Parliament, as ministers of the Crown were immune from contempt proceedings. The score in judges therefore is two-all.

A promise had been given on the home secretary's behalf that an applicant for asylum would not be ejected from Britain while his case was being considered by the High Court. This was regarded by the court as a legally binding undertaking. In spite of the promise, the applicant was ejected from Britain before his case was over. The contempt lay in the breach of the undertaking, followed by the failure to obey a court order to get the man back from Paris once the breach was reported to the judge.

Mr Baker's culpability does not merit resignation. He had not authorised the giving of the binding undertaking to the court. He had been legally advised — by Treasury counsel John Laws and others — that his failure to have the man returned to Britain was not unlawful. The expulsion of the asylum-seeker despite the promise resulted from a breakdown in internal Home Office communications at official level. But the court did not let the Home Office off scot-free: it has to pay legal costs "to assert or emphasise the paramount authority of the law", as Lord Donaldson put it.

The much-vaunted doctrine of ministerial responsibility should be invoked only where blame is personal. If ministers resigned at every fiasco there would be no ministers. Certainly the case does nothing to Mr Baker's reputation for running a tight ship, less for that benighted department itself and less still for the comatose principle of parliamentary oversight of the executive.

The condition for Mr Baker retaining the confidence of the House of Commons is that he should demonstrably put the Home Office in better shape. Where procedures are at fault they should be changed; where individual civil servants were at fault they should be corrected. To be the first minister to be found guilty of contempt of court is no minor matter. For a home secretary, responsible for law and order, it is doubly shaming.

Civil servants, now demanding performance-related pay and comparability with the private sector, should more often be disciplined or sacked both as a punishment and a deterrent. Starting with the permanent under secretary, Sir Clive Whitmore, where down the chain of Home Office command did responsibility lie? Mr Baker should say what action he is taking.

Mr Baker's decision to appeal to the Law Lords against the appeal court's decision implies that the home secretary believes the courts should not have the power to call ministers to account. He believes, in other words, that the disciplining of a minister who has broken the law is exclusively a matter for his fellow politicians in Parliament. That is a bad joke. The Law Lords should tell him that the protection of individual liberty demands a more reliable sanction.

WHERE ANGELS TREAD

Does where you stand depend on where you sit, or are there universal markers, whether of liberty, culture, beauty, dynamism or tolerance, by which to recognise civilisation? Can countries be simultaneously civilised and uncivilised? The questions thrown out by Bernard Levin in his search for what makes a place civilised have so far not been answered by readers. They have risen to his challenge to name names, but their choices are linked only by tolerance.

Whiskey is one of Ireland's claims (but tell that to the Scots). French cooking with German portions is said to be one of Belgium's gifts to civilisation, along with "politically correct" politics. Neither whiskey nor groaning boards would today be prominent in Vatican City, acclaimed for its "natural harmony" of body, mind and spirit. And how would the Papal state sit with historians mindful of the Inquisition, let alone with Carlyle, who defined gunpowder, printing and the Protestant religion as his "three great elements of modern civilisation"?

As for Belgium, the recent elections showed tolerance at a low ebb and, besides, what cloud-capp'd towers were built on the pillars of political correctness? It might further be asked whether any civilised country could have tolerated the architectural misery that houses the European Commission, were it not that by such a criterion, all would fail. From the great glasshouses of modern civilisation, perhaps only New Yorkers might have the confidence to cast stones, and then only from Manhattan.

Pei's pyramid in the Louvre is surely no more grotesque and is certainly smaller than the monstrous Vittorio Emmanuele monument in the heart of Rome, capital of the country to which Levin gives the palm. But then, how civilised of the Italians to have learned to treat that monument as a jest, a marble tribute to national unity in the midst of the enduringly loyal *campalinismo* which binds Italians to the places of their birth and inures them to the follies of politics? (Might not the hallmark of a civilised country be one whose citizens have, like the Italians, learned to prosper without paying the remotest attention to their government?)

There is another enigma lurking in the Levin riddle: could a country meet all criteria without stepping up a category, from the merely civilised to the Utopian? No civilisation is imaginable shorn of man's dream of the perfectible. Yet Popper reminds us to beware of Utopias, of "the desire to build a world which is not only a little better and more rational than ours, but which is free from all its ugliness: not . . . an old garment badly patched, but an entirely new coat, a really beautiful new world." The worthy Webbs gazed in wonder on Stalin's world and pronounced it *A New Civilisation*. Half a century on, the children of that "civilisation" won the freedom to deliver their verdict.

By definition, civilisation does not shed, but deals in, earthly imperfections: the presence of the tree of good and evil is a landmark setting the greatest of them apart from the City of God. Yet "magic ingredients" do sometimes go into this dealing. Toynbee once said that civilisation was a movement not a condition, a voyage not a harbour. Yet Italy has, as Levin said, made great discoveries in its long voyage. Enough of *Erewhon*. Civilisation has local habitations and names. The gauntlet is not yet out of the ring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Enhancing women's status in the workplace and public life

From Dr Kenneth M. Wolfe

Sir, Ray Clancy ("Top women agonise over Auntie's all-male image", November 20) rightly thinks the statistic that all but one of the 44 Reith lectures have been delivered by men raises complex issues. However, she quite mistakenly lays all this at Reith's door: "Reith regarded his appointment . . . as an act of God . . . and the BBC as an agency of divine intervention . . . perhaps it is that Reithian legacy that has kept women out . . ."

Reith was committed to excellence and it is quite misleading to blame him for "keeping women out in the cold". Reith was much interested in talented women and gave them powerful executive positions. Long before the lecture series bearing his name was ever thought of, it was Reith whose wise choice of Mary Somerville to head the Talks department laid the foundations for the BBC's role in enfranchising vast tracts of the population through its talks policy.

This was taken up later in television and current affairs under Grace Wyndham Goldie. If anything, it was Reith who laid the foundations for the BBC's flair for discovering women executives at the right time.

Ms Clancy expresses what is commonly but erroneously thought: that Reith's Presbyterianism shaped his commitment to public service and his peculiar attitude to women. It is simply not true. He was a remarkably astute judge of ability, whilst at the same time reflecting the established attitudes of the Twenties through which his religious convictions were refracted.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
KENNETH WOLFE (Director),
Centre for the Study of Religion
and Society,
Rutherford College,
The University of Kent
at Canterbury,
Canterbury, Kent.
November 25.

From Ms Lesley Abdela

Sir, Is the BBC trying to blame women for the fact that there has only been one female Reith lecturer in 44 years? Your feature by Ray Clancy makes it clear how untrue it is to claim no woman in 30 years was/is qualified to deliver the series. Half a dozen phone calls are all that's needed — if the producers cared to look.

And what sheer effrontery for a corporation funded by the public to say it "does not disclose the criteria" it uses in selecting lecturers.

Why doesn't the BBC simply "come clean", to use a parliamentary term, and admit it has run a thorough-going misogynist show for half a century, practised gender apartheid at almost every rank above tea-maker and carpet-cleaner, and that its behaviour and myopia on what women have long since achieved are a terrible disgrace to broadcasting itself? And then, yes, decades late, it does something about it.

Yours faithfully,
LESLEY ABDELA,
The Lodge, Conock Manor,
Chirton, Wiltshire.
November 21.

From Ms Helen Beaney

Sir, How can one's sex be a criterion for giving the Reith lectures? Even with the wealth of interesting and intelligent women who might be considered as candidates, there must be an overwhelming number of men still better qualified. Feminism has its place, but this insidious, pervasive feeling that there must be a token woman is as ludicrous, insulting and patronising as a similarly pointless need for a token black.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN BEANEY,
Le Chazal, Argentat,
Corrèze, France.
November 26.

From Mr Peter Sewell

Sir, Janet Daley's article, "Women's lost cause" (November 26), reinforces my view that the advocates of feminism fall into two categories: those who want to advance the cause of women, who do a good job, and those who just want to be rude about men, who rather hamper the good work done by the others.

I could not help smiling at Ms Daley's romantic picture of the woman manager. All managers, male or female, have their own personalities and ways of approaching their job, some good, some bad.

Anybody who has worked in an organisation with women in senior positions will find difficulty in recognising Ms Daley's saccharine stereotype. If I were as prejudiced as Ms Daley, I would say that many of them were as tough as old boots, with the sense of humour of an under-ripe lemon. But that would be an unfair generalisation.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. SEWELL,
1 Victoria Terrace,
Prince Alfred Road, Liverpool 15.
November 27.

From Mrs M. C. Tucker

Sir, If I were an employer required to invest and to take risks (for there *are* particular risks associated with employing women with young children) in order to support the right of women to work, am I not then entitled to expect that the women I employ are as committed as the men I employ?

Is it in fact reasonable to expect husbands to take risks with their own careers and earning potential in order to support their wives' careers, so long as women regard financially supporting themselves and their families as an option but not a duty?

Are the stereotypical characteristics exhibited by men in a high-pressure working environment ones that a society needs if it is to generate wealth: and, if so, is the argument that such working environments should be more "family-friendly" a threat to the material progress of society?

My own experience as a female employee and manager of other women (and men) would lead me to give mixed answers to those questions. But I do think it is time that we paid less attention to the whingeing sisterhood, acknowledged the real problems that exist, and considered as dispassionately as possible the pros and cons of changes in society which would alter the opportunities and the obligations of both sexes.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. TUCKER,
7 Cedar Terrace, Thackham's Lane,
Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.
November 26.

From Mr Christopher Sandford

Sir, So far from there being "minuscule numbers of women at the higher levels of management", public relations, with its emphasis on what Ms Daley calls "interest in other people", implies the other extreme.

My own firm enjoys an 80 per cent female workforce, with the same proportion at board level. It is not untypical.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER SANDFORD,
24 Blenheim Road, W4.
November 26.

From Miss Rosemary Burton

Sir, Bernard Levin (November 25) is right. The "politically correct" Americans at Penn State University who condemned Goya's *Naked Maja* as an example of sexual harassment are humourless and absurd.

Sadly their absurdity is matched by his attempt to wring a laugh from the suggestion that the protests were motivated by jealousy. "Find out the identity of the woman professor who started this lunatic business, and tell me if I was right when I deduced that Goya would have taken one look at her and burnt his brushes", says Levin. One fears for his comprehension of both women and art.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY BURTON,
The Parrot House,
Weedon, Northamptonshire.

Lessons from a shadow jury

From Mr Ray Fitzwalter and Ms Claudia Milne

Sir, Your leading article, "Called to the Bar" (November 23), attempts to belittle the careful television experiment of "Inside the Jury", suggesting that our representation was flawed. You make the assumption that the shadow jury was treated differently from a real jury, in particular, "paid at Granada rates, with cars to fetch and carry". This was not true.

There were 26 people serving on two shadow juries. They made their own way to court. They waited for cases. They were paid only loss of earnings just like real jurors, ate similar food and left the court and returned when the real jury was directed to do so. They were also looked after by a retired clerk of court, acting as jury bailiff to ensure they were treated in the same manner as other jurors.

Yours faithfully,
RAY FITZWALTER
(Head of Current Affairs),
CLAUDIA MILNE
(Executive Producer, Twenty Twenty
Television),
Granada Television,
Key Street, Manchester.
November 28.

From the Vice-Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association

Sir, Mr Whitaker's letter (November 22) speaks of "*bona fide* research" into the deliberations of juries.

I suggest that the interests of justice generally would not be served by adding to the already onerous responsibilities of jurors trying criminal cases the fear that they may be questioned by *anyone* about the reasons why they arrived at particular verdicts in actual cases.

Is it in any way desirable, by way of example, that it should be revealed that a jury would have convicted an accused on the balance of probabilities but that they acquitted because they were not quite sure of guilt?

Yours faithfully,
J. G. BOAL (Vice-Chairman,
Criminal Bar Association),
Queen Elizabeth Building,
Temple, EC4.
November 22.

From Mr Bryan Ewing

Sir, Behind closed doors a juror can speak without fear of retribution or consequence, sure in the knowledge that his views and assessments are protected by law.

If outside the jury room he can be challenged, questioned or perhaps even intimidated due to the loss of legal anonymity, then a free and impartial assessment of the facts could be swayed by questions of possible consequences.

If one person in good faith disagrees with his fellows, the view of the majority may well triumph for the above reasons. Leave the system alone that has served so effectively so long.

Yours sincerely,
BRYAN EWING,
6a St Philip's Road,
Surbiton, Surrey.
November 22.

Radio 3 and cricket

From Dr Cormac Rigby

Sir, Patricia Hughes (letter, November 25) will doubtless remember that the Music Programme came into being as a daytime extension of broadcasting on the wavelength used only in the evenings by Third Programme. The only previous regular daytime users of that empty space had been the Test matches.

So when the BBC was considerably expanding its service to the minority of music-lovers, it would have been churlish to deprive the cricket-lovers of their ball-by-ball commentary, by then well on the way to becoming a national institution. Even allowing for the cricket, the Music Programme was adding over 300 days of music to the output: some jewel!

Later on, music-lovers were able to benefit from the technical advances which made it possible to transmit 365 days of music on VHF and leave cricket, on medium wave, for its 30-40 days. Such a service to a minority listenership is a tribute to the will of the BBC to look after — and expand — our musical heritage.

When Radio 3 lost its (mono and musically unacceptable) medium wave, Test Match Special found itself homeless. As everyone knows, it is as much the conversation when no balls are being bowled as the commentary itself which makes it unique — but not even a network wholly dedicated to sport could permit that. So the BBC faced a real dilemma. Fortunately it remembered that it is important for minorities to be considerate towards other minorities.

Public-service broadcasting is about the concern for minorities, *all* minorities, and so it seemed to me a wise and sensible decision when Radio 3 lost its medium wavelength to return to the situation that obtained in the immediate aftermath of the launch of the Music Programme: a very real and generous service to both minorities.

Yours faithfully,
CORMAC RIGBY
(Presentation Editor, Radio 3,
1971-85),
19 Hawkswell Gardens, Oxford.

From Mrs Penelope Austen-Brown

Sir, For many serious music-lovers the daily opportunities of enrichment provided by Radio 3's incomparable music service increase the quality of their lives.

Personally I enjoy cricket, but I am not prepared to sacrifice the unique qualities of Radio 3 to a cricket commentary (or to any other diversion, for that matter). Given that there is no alternative to Radio 3, whereas the wavebands are crammed with many choices for other tastes in music, surely a more appropriate waveband could be chosen on which to broadcast Test Match Special? Possibly it could be divided between more than one waveband.

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE AUSTEN-BROWN,
Debenhurst, 111 Thoroughfare,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Farmers and landscape

From the Chairman of the National Trust

Sir, One of the most serious problems facing the National Trust is the decline in agricultural prosperity, especially in the uplands and other areas of high landscape value.

Last week's announcement (report, November 21) by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, of a substantial increase in the number and size of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) and an increase in spending from £13 million to £65 million is therefore timely. It will be warmly welcomed by farmers and environmental organisations alike.

Even in the hills our landscapes are largely manmade, through sheep which are natural lawnmowers. These landscapes have been centuries in the making; it would be a disaster if they ceased to be farmed. It is, therefore, all the more encouraging to read Mr Gummer's reported remarks that

> the farmer is the key figure in the conservation of Britain. If we want him to preserve Britain, and be the steward of the countryside, then he must have an income to do it.

Yours truly,
ROGER CHORLEY,
Chairman,
The National Trust,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

Dartford tolls

From Mr John Sankey

Sir, Mr Symington's suggestion (letter, November 22) that tolls should be abolished on the southbound carriageway of the Dartford river crossing, with a double toll paid on the northbound carriageway, deserves support.

I encountered a similar system on the expressway between Oklahoma City and Tulsa when I was visiting the United States last year, and it worked very well.

It should be particularly effective at Dartford as there is no toll-free alternative — short of a long and tedious detour via the Woolwich ferry or the Blackwall tunnel.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SANKEY,
108 Lancaster Gate, W2.
November 24.

'Revolting students'

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science

Sir, Your leading article, "Revolting students" (November 26), describes the government's student-support policy as an uneasy compromise. But our policy recognises that higher education benefits not only the individual student but also his or her family and the culture and economy of the whole country. Thus our aim is to spread the costs between students, their families and the taxpayer. To put the burden either wholly on the state or wholly on the student, as you propose, would actually be much less logical. Neither of these could alone sustain the large expansion of higher education now taking place which students and employers are demanding and which is essential to provide the more highly-educated workforce the economy needs.

Expansion depends on drawing high-quality entrants from less traditional backgrounds and they are unlikely to be attracted by a regime in which the whole of their maintenance and fees, amounting to at least £15,000 for a typical three-year course, had to be met by repayable loans. Our new system gives the student outside London a basic grant and full-year loan totalling £2,845 this year, which on your own figuring is worth more in real terms than the grant alone in 1969. The package is worth over 30 per cent more in cash than the grant alone in 1989-90.

Many students did not claim benefits; for those who did, the package more than compensates for the average withdrawal of benefits. Loans are at preferential rates and repayment terms are generous. Fees for most students are paid in full. There are supplementary allowances for older or disabled students and those with dependants. Access funds totalling over £25 million provide additional discretionary help to students in particular need.

The policy's success is proved by the continued growth in demand for higher education, with new enrolments up some 20 per cent over the last two years.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
ALAN HOWARTH,
Department of Education
and Science,
Elizabeth House, York Road, SE1.
November 26.

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Westward ho?

From Mr Bill Cormie

Sir, Without the benefit of eyes in the back of his head, Mr Kenney-Herbert (letter, November 27) can be excused for not observing that the District Line map on the other side of his carriage was presented in the more conventional west-east direction.

The effect is, of course, that the direction in which the train is travelling matches its progress along either map towards its ultimate destination (unless of course the carriages are somehow mistakenly reversed, in which case who knows what could happen!).

Such a presentation is obvious to regular users. It may be helpful to some strangers and overseas visitors, though I doubt it. Consistency throughout all Underground maps surely has to be the overriding consideration and I fully support Mr Kenney-Herbert's appeal for a return to the conventional form.

Yours faithfully,
W. D. CORMIE,
Dix's, Black Hill,
Lindfield, West Sussex.

From Mrs Sonia Gable

Sir, The logic of the alignment of the maps in District Line trains is the same logic that any good navigator uses in, for example, orienteering or flying a light aircraft, which is always to hold the map in the direction of travel. Rigidly to insist on north being at the top leads to the performance of mental gymnastics to determine which features on the map are to the left or right of the line of movement over (or under) the ground.

Yours faithfully,
SONIA GABLE,
49 Herent Drive,
Clayhall, Ilford, Essex.
November 27.

From Mr P. J. Harper

Sir, For maps in carriages on the District Line to give the positions of stations relative to the train itself seems to me to be entirely logical and easily understood by strangers to London. Normal geographic conventions, which in any case do not apply to a topological representation, are of little use to anyone unaware of Upminster's position as the gateway to the East.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARPER,
Redwings, Black Lane, Lover,
Redlynch, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
November 27.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 29: The Prince Edward today attended the Memorial Service for Dame Peggy Ashcroft in Westminster Abbey, London.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President of Patrons of Crime Concern, this morning visited the Bretton Centre, Peterborough, and was received by Mr John Horrell, Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness visited Nottinghamshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt). The Princess Royal, President, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, planted a tree at Staunton Hall to launch the National Tree Week.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at Mansfield Civic Centre.

This afternoon The Princess Royal opened the Rock Valley Housing Development for single people and the elderly. Her Royal Highness opened "Water Meadows", a new Recreational and Leisure Centre in Mansfield, and afterwards visited Nottinghamshire County Council's "Wet Centre". The Princess Royal subsequently opened the Indoor Bowls Centre, West Bridgford.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 29: The Prince of Wales, Patron, 1991 National Training Awards, presented the 1991 Awards at a ceremony in the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, London SW1.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness held a luncheon for members of the hotel industry at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales received Mr Henry Koehler at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness received members of the Mary Rose Trust at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, attended a Regimental Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, London.

Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 29: The Duke of Gloucester today opened the Gloucester Park Development, Courtfield Road, London SW7.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 29: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, today presided at Honorary and Higher Degree Ceremonies in Guildford Cathedral.

Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel in Chief of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, today received Colonel Ian Talbot on relinquishing command of the Regiment.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.K. Bonnar
and Miss E. Durden-Smith
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Bonnar, of Foxrock, Dublin, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Durden-Smith, of Highgate, London.

Dr C.R. Cooper
and Miss L.D. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr R.G. Cooper and of Mrs L. Cooper, of Milton, Staffordshire, and Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.D. Lloyd, of Quinton, Birmingham.

Mr J.S. Everard
and Miss J.R. Cummins
The engagement is announced between Justin Stafford, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Everard, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, and Joanna Ruth, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs Ashley Cummins, of Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire.

Mr I.W. Fieldhouse
and Miss A.H. McCulloch
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Fieldhouse, of Sonning Common, South Oxfordshire, and Andrea, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart McCulloch, of Waldron, East Sussex.

Mr A.H. Flanagan
and Miss V.A. Walker
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs F.D. Flanagan, of Glasgow, and Virginia, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.A. Walker, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr D.I. Gower
and Miss T.R. Nash
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs R. H. Gower, of Loughborough, and Thorunn, younger daughter of the late Major L.H. Nash and of Mrs E. Nash, of Kingsley Green, Surrey.

Mr M.F. Greenslade
and Miss A.A.L. Cracknell
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr David Greenslade, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and the late Mrs Gisela Greenslade, and Alison, only daughter of Mr John Cracknell, of Sevenoaks, and Mrs Yvonne Cracknell, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

The Rev M.R. Harrison
and Miss R.A. Bentley
The engagement is announced between Michael Robert, second son of Professor and the late Mrs P.J. Harrison, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Rachel Anne, younger daughter of the Right Rev and Mrs D.E. Bentley, of Castle Acre, Norfolk.

Mr C.D.V. Isard
and Miss S.J. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Commander and Mrs David C.V. Isard, of Iwerne Minster, near Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles J. Stewart, of Styal, Cheshire.

Dr A.J.S. Macpherson
and Miss R.C. Niven
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs H. G. Macpherson, of Torrington, Devon, and the late Mr A.S. Macpherson, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.P. Niven, of Sandgate, Folkestone.

Mr P.J.K. Staples
and Miss E.J. Patterson
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Staples, of Ferring, West Sussex, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.E. Patterson, of Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr R.F. Todd
and Miss S.R. Coucher
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mrs G.M. Todd, of Llanfair Caereinion, Powys, and Susannah, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs M.J. Coucher, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Dr P.J. Ward
and Miss A.M. Turner
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mrs Cecilia Ward, of Moy, Northern Ireland, and the late Mr John Turner Ward, FRCS, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Turner, of Glasgow.

Marriage

Dr A.D.G. Brown
and Mrs E. Ballantyne
Dr Alan Brown and Mrs Elizabeth Ballantyne were married in Edinburgh on Friday, November 29, 1991.

Dinners

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
The Duke of Kent presented the awards at the Annual Trophies and Awards Banquet of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held on Wednesday at Guildhall in the presence of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins. After the presentation of the awards the Lord Mayor and the Master of the Guild, Captain David Mauleverer, spoke.

The Award Winners were: Miss Helen Sharman, Mr Harry Smeulders, the crew of an RAF rescue helicopter of No 78 Squadron, Mr Gerald Sanctuary, Captain Jerry Sirley, Captain Ken Davenport, Captain Alfred Haynes, Mr Don Kendell, Mr Eamonn Troy, Mr Richard McGuinness and Mr Adrian Eves.

Heriot-Watt University
Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth were the guests of honour at a dinner held last night at Heriot-Watt University to mark Lord Thomson's retirement as chancellor. Professor Alistair G.J. MacFarlane, principal and vice-chancellor, was host. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Justice-Clerk and Lady Ross, Lord and Lady Clyde, Sir Donald and Lady McCallum, Sir Duncan and Lady McDonald, Dr and Mrs Tom Johnston, Professor and Mrs Tom Patten and Dr and Mrs Duncan I Cameron.

Wang
Mr Barry Porter, MP, was host at a dinner given by Wang on November 28, at the House of Commons. Mr Julian Stainton, Managing Director of Western Provident Association, Professor Richard Susskind, special adviser in law and information technology for legal firm, Masons, and Mr Ken Olisa, General Manager, of Wang Europe, Africa and the Middle East were the guest speakers. Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, Mr Frank Field, MP, and 60 senior representatives from hospitals and local health authorities were present.

Service dinners

5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards
The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, attended the final annual regimental dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club before amalgamation with the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Major-General P.G. Brooking, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Royal Marines Association
Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, Representative Colonel Commandant Royal Marines and President of the City of London branch of the Royal Marines Association, was host at the annual branch dinner of the association held last night in the Officers' Mess, Royal Marines Reserve (City of London).

Association of MBAs

David Gravells, of Fairfield Catering Co Ltd, has been re-elected Chairman of the Association of MBAs. Iebe Ypma, Management Consultant with Ernst & Young, has been elected Vice-Chairman.

OBITUARIES

BISHOP HORACE DONEGAN

Bishop Horace William Braden Donegan, Episcopal Bishop of New York, 1950-1972, died in Florida on November 11 aged 91. He was born in Derbyshire on May 17, 1900.

HORACE Donegan was an outspoken advocate for the rights of blacks, women and the poor, long before such causes became fashionable. It was not always a popular stance. Donegan had inherited a diocese containing some of the most patrician families in the United States, who did not take too kindly to having their attention focused on the needs of the poor. At a special service marking his 15th year as bishop, Donegan acknowledged that his stance on civil rights had resulted in the withdrawal of substantial gifts pledged for New York's Cathedral of St John the Divine.

His response was practical and typical. Work on St John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic-style cathedral, had been going on since 1892. In 1967 Donegan announced that it would be suspended, and all the money accumulated to finish the construction would be spent instead on housing and development projects in nearby Harlem.

"This unfinished cathedral," he said, "towering as it does over this great and suffering metropolis, shall be the prophetic symbol that our society is still as rough-hewn, ragged, broken and incomplete as the building itself." Work on the cathedral recommenced under his successor, Bishop Paul Moore Jr, in 1973.

Horace Donegan was a courtly man, whose mild manner was at odds with his crusading words and actions. His family brought him to America at the age of 10 after the death of his father, a Derbyshire doctor. They settled in Ohio, but Donegan returned to England to study at Oxford, and then took his divinity degree at the Episcopal Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1927. He became a priest the following year.

In 1933 Donegan was appointed rector of St James's Church in New York's Madison Avenue, with its affluent congregation. He held several national church appointments before being elected suffragan Bishop of New York in 1947, and succeeding to the bishopric three years later.

In the New York diocese, which encompasses Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island, plus seven counties north of the city, Donegan found a stark contrast between his rich and poor parishioners. He quickly demonstrated where his sympathies lay, speaking out on the need for equality of opportunity.

Donegan carried the same spirit into church affairs, campaigning to expand the role of women and ordaining two as deacons in 1971.

Not all his views, however, conformed to liberal orthodoxy. Though he roundly condemned apartheid in the 1960s, he also said that he could not understand young men's refusal to serve their country in the Vietnam war. "Were it in my power," he told the Patriotic Society of New York in 1965, "I would fine every person who did not vote, and reward doubly everyone who enlisted in the service of our country, whether as an Episcopalian in the armed forces or as a Quaker in the courageous group who carry the wounded off the field of battle."

After his retirement he returned to St James's Church as an ordinary parish priest, but spent long summers in England for which he had always retained an affection. He was created an honorary CBE in 1957.

Horace Donegan never married.

CHRISTIAN MONTCOUQUIOL

Christian Montcouquiol, known in the bullfighting world as Nimeño II, died at Caveirac in the south of France on November 25 aged 37. He was born in Spire, Germany, on March 10, 1954.

CHRISTIAN Montcouquiol, hailed almost unanimously by bullfight critics as the best French torero of all time, was found hanged in the little house in Caveirac where he had been living alone in frustration for the past year.

A child of a French military family, he was born in Spire, in what was then West Germany, but was brought up in Nîmes, a southern French city with a strong taurine tradition. The name which he, and his brother Alain before him, used in the bullring, Nimeño, means in Spanish, "someone from Nîmes."

Going from one village festival in the Camargue to another from an early age with his brother, he caped many bulls, most of them with the tips of their horns padded in the tradition of that region. In July, 1969, at the age of 15, he killed his first bull, at a *novillada* (a fight for apprentice bullfighters) at Saint-Giles. During a fight in Arles, he leaped into the ring from the stands as an *espantaneo* (interloper) and won cheers for the passes he made before he was hustled off by the gendarmes.

In 1976 he appeared in Madrid's second bullring, Vista Alegre. A year later, when he fought for the first time at Madrid's big Las Ventas ring, he was carried out on the shoulders of delirious fans. Three weeks later he "took the alternative", taking part in the ceremony which raised him from the category of apprentice to matador, in Nîmes. His very personal style put him among the top-ranked performers in the bullfighting world. In 1978 he so impressed fans at Cancún, Mexico, that they erected a statue in his honour.

His career ended on September 10, 1989, at Arles, where a 549-kilo Miura bull tossed him high in the air. In the fall he suffered the fracture of the third and fourth cervical vertebrae. Surgeons told him he would be a tetraplegic for the rest of his days.

Nimeño II proved them wrong. Convalescing in hospital four months later, he told a reporter: "All I want is to be a bullfighter again. It's that or nothing."

With little more than sheer willpower and exercise, he was walking by the end of 1990. A year later, he was walking almost normally and was making progress with the use of his right arm. His left arm, however, remained as lifeless as it was on the day he was hurt. In conversations shortly before his death he recognised bitterly that he would never be able to fight again.

Christian Montcouquiol is survived by a wife and two sons.

JAMES DREVER

James Drever, first principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Dundee, died on November 5 aged 81. He was born on 29 January, 1910.

JAMES Drever was born in Edinburgh of Orcadian parents and throughout his life he was very much a son of Orkney, with an Orcadian's loyalties and openness of outlook. He was educated at the Royal High School, Edinburgh and the universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge. He was primarily a philosopher by training and philosophy always remained one of his leading interests, but during his years as an assistant in philosophy at Edinburgh and a as a lecturer at Newcastle (and during his service in the Royal Navy) he extended his horizons to include psychology, to such effect that in 1944 he was appointed to succeed his father, also James Drever, as professor of psychology at Edinburgh. Under his leadership, psychology at Edinburgh became a thriving and important department. For several years he was editor of the *British Journal of Psychology*, and he served as president of the British Psychological Society in 1960-61.

From within psychology he turned his attention to the theory, principles and practice of higher education and it was no surprise that he was appointed to the Committee on Higher Education (the Robbins Committee) in 1961. In Scotland he became generally known and respected as a protagonist in the discussions on the expansion of higher education which were a feature of those days.

When it was decided in 1964 that Queen's College, Dundee, in the University of St Andrews, should become the independent University of Dundee, Drever was an obvious choice as first principal and vice-chancellor of the new university. He served for a preliminary year as master of Queen's College and introduced a new style of administration as welcome as it was unaccustomed — for he shared widely not only his conclusions about how to tackle situations and problems, but also the deep and clear thinking that had led him there; nor was he afraid to modify his conclusions in the light of the wide discussion he fostered. In his hands the old, and sometimes rather defensive, college in Dundee was transformed into a distinctive and increasingly self-confident new university.

The history of that university for the 11 years of his leadership richly fulfilled the initial impression of all his colleagues that this new-old institution could not be entrusted to better hands than those of this experimental traditionalist. His fresh outlook was brought to bear on every aspect of the university's work and influence; his friendliness, approachability and zest, and his intense interest in, and knowledge of, all that made the university operate were the distinguishing features of his tenure of office.

His interest in the university did not flag after his retirement in 1978.

He is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married in 1936, a son and a daughter.

GEORGE BARKER

Hedley Marten writes:

IT WOULD be an honour to be allowed, as a friend of George Barker's, to add to your very interesting obituary (October 29). Apart from being, as a man, infinitely loyal, loving and understanding, George as a poet was in life all that we long for a poet to be: exhilarating, protean, magnetic, in all things immoderate.

On paper he was, at his best, more witty than Pound, more passionate than Eliot. His earlier writing, on which his present reputation is oddly stuck, was, like his early life, perhaps marred by a certain unreliability.

His best period was to come. Presently submerged from public view, it will surface like a whale. It coincided, but in my view by no coincidence, with his last 25 years of inspired happiness and profound stability, given to him by his truly magnificent wife, the novelist Elspeth Barker, his first meeting with whom, in Italy, he later thrillingly evoked in *Villa Stellar* (Faber & Faber, 1978, but now included in the *Complete Works*, 1990).

His life was not gentle: but the elements were so mixed in him that I wish to stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man!"

Memorial service

Dame Peggy Ashcroft
Prince Edward attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Peggy Ashcroft held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor. Miss Geraldine James read the lesson and Miss Janet Suzman read *And Death Shall Have No Dominion* by Dylan Thomas. Mr Harold Pinter and Sir Peter Hall gave addresses.

Readings from the works of Shakespeare were given by Dame Judi Dench and Miss Dorothy Tutin (*Cymbeline*), Mr Freddy Stuart, Central School of Speech and Drama (*Romeo and Juliet*), Mr Ben Kingsley (*The Taming of the Shrew*), Mr Donald Sinden (*Henry VI part III*), Mr Paul Scofield (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Mr Willard White (*Othello*), Mr Ian Holm (*Antony and Cleopatra*) and Sir John Gielgud, CH (*Antony and Cleopatra* and *The Tempest*).

During the service the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Wind Band, directed by Mr Guy Woolfenden, played from the productions of *The Wars of the Roses* and *All's Well That Ends Well*. Mr Murray Perahia, piano, played *Piano Concerto in C, K467, Second Movement: Andante* by Mozart, accompanied by the English Chamber Orchestra. Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, sang *Laudate Dominum* from *Psalm 117* by Mozart with the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by Mr Martin Neary, organist and master of the choristers, and the English Chamber Orchestra. Mr Julian Bream, lute, played *Etude No 11 E minor* by Heitor Villa-Lobos.

Canon Colin Semper, Canon Paul Bates, the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist, Prebendary John Foster and the Rev Philip Buckler, representing the Actors' Church Union, were robed and seated in the Sacrarium.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Camden and the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon attended. The Minister for the Arts was represented by Mr Gerald Bowden, MP, and the Leader of HM Opposition by Mr Mark Fisher, MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts. Among others present were:

The Hon Nicholas and Mrs Hutchinson (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs Pierre Lotzeau (son-in-law and daughter), Miss March Hutchinson, Miss Manon Lotzeau and Miss Emily Lotzeau (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs W G Ashcroft, Miss Margaret Ashcroft, Mr and Mrs David Hargreaves, Miss Diana Ashcroft, Miss J M Ashcroft, Mrs Brice Urquhart, Mr Jeremy Burnham, Mr Mel Churcher, Mr and Mrs Michael Francis, Miss E Gibb, Miss Joan King, Lord and Lady Rothschild, the Hon Mrs Daniel, Mrs Alison Ashcroft, Miss Emma Ashcroft, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, and Lady Hutchinson, Mr Christopher Osborn and other members of the family.

The Earl of Bessborough, Viscount Esher, the Bishop of Tonbridge, Lord Annan, Baroness Dacre, Baroness David, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Goodman, CH, Lady Gordon-Walker, Pamela Lady Harlech (president, Women's Playhouse Trust), Lord and Lady Kissin, Lady Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Lord Palumbo, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Lord St John of Fawsley (master, Emmanuel College, Cambridge), Lady Soames (Chairman of the Board of the National Theatre), Lady (Ralph) Gibson, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, Lady Antonia Pinter, the Hon William Douglas-Home, the Hon Robert and Mrs Kissin, the Hon Mrs Singer.

Lady de Trafford, Sir Ralph Verney, Lady Brown, Lady Cubitt, Lady Eyre, Lady Farndale, Lady Flower, Sir Denis and Lady Forman, Lady (Alec) Guinness, Lady (Peter) Hall, Lady (Jacqueline) Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston (King George's Fund for Actors and Actresses), Lady Quayle, Lady Redgrave, Lady Richardson, Lady Rix, Sir Stephen and Lady Spender, Dame Olga Uvarov.

Mr Joss Ackland, Mr Larry Adler, Mr Lindsay Anderson, Mr Michael Attenborough, Mr Richard Bebb and Miss Gwen Watford (Theatrical Ladies Guild of Charity), Mr Michael Billington, Mr David Brierley, Miss Eleanor Bron, Miss Brenda Bruce, Mr John Bury, Mr and Mrs G Byam-Shaw, Mr Simon Cadell, Miss Margaret Collins, Miss Margaret Courtenay, Mr Brian Cox, Miss Rosalie Crutchley, Mr and Mrs Charles Dance, Mrs C Day-Lewis, Mr and Mrs Michael Denison.

Mr Robert Eddison, Mr Paul Elliott, Mr Anthony Everitt, Mr Richard Eyre, Miss Susan Fleetwood, Mr Derek Fowler, Mr James Fox, Mr Brian Glover, Mr J Goodwin, Mr and Mrs Marius Goring, Mr Denys Graham, Mrs L Halliwell, Mr Roger Hammond, Mr Roger Hansen, Mr Richard Hardy, Miss Elizabeth Harland, Miss Jocelyn Herbert, Mr Donald Howarth, Mr and Mrs Stanley Holmes, Mr Alan Howard, Mr Peter Howell, Mrs Gordon Jackson, Mr Richard Jackson, Miss Pauline Jameson, Mr Rhywel Jones.

Miss Miriam Karlin, Miss Sara Kestelman, Mr Simon Kimmins, Mr Eddie Kulukundis, Miss Jane Lapotaire, Mr and Mrs Laurie Lee, Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Mr Hugh Manning, Miss Elspeth March, Mr Frank Middlemass, Mr Stephen Mitchell, Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, Mr Sheridan Morley, Miss Gwendoline Neville, Mr Adrian Noble, Mr Michael Northen, Mr Trevor Nunn, Mr Peter O'Toole, Mr John Osborne, Mr Bernard Palmer, Mr Richard Pasco, Mr R M Perrot, Mr Charles Pick, Mr Stephen Poliakoff, Mr Ian Richardson, Mr and Mrs Luke Rittner, Mr Paul Rogers.

Mr John Schlesinger, Mr Roger Schlesinger, Mrs Paul Scofield, Mr Antony Sher, Mr Ned Sherrin, Mrs Donald Sinden, Mr Julian Slade, Mr Tom Stoppard, Mr David Suchet, Mrs Edward Sutro, Mr Graham Sykes, Mrs Ellen Tickner, Miss Barbara Todd, Mr Sam Wanamaker, Mr and Mrs Moray Watson, Miss Kaye Webb, Miss Joan White, Mr F J Williams, Mr Michael Williams, Mr Peter Woods, Mrs Joan Wrennall, Miss Susannah York.

Representatives from the Actors' Benevolent Fund, Actors' Centre, Actors' Charitable Trust, Ashcroft Arts Centre, Ashcroft Theatre Club, BBC Radio Drama, Buxton Opera House, Charleston Trust, Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council, CBI, Croydon Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Denville Hall, Northwood, British Actors' Equity Association, Friends of the British Theatre, Gallery First Nighters' Club, International Creative Management, Oldham Single Homeless Project, Old Vic Theatre, Raymond Mander and Joe Mitchenson Theatre College, Rose Bruford College, Sidcup, Rose Theatre Trust, Norwegian Embassy, RSC, St Hugh's College, Oxford, Servite Houses - Battersea Project for the Elderly Appeal, Society for Theatre Research, Society of Teachers of Speech and Drama, Society of West End Theatre, Theatres Advisory Council, Standing Committee on Local Authorities and the Performing Arts, Theatre Royal Stratford East, Trinity College of Music Corporation, Bloomsbury Society, Central School of Speech and Drama, Royal Free Hospital, Shakespeare Reading Society and Warwick University.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP, 46; Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, writer, 86; Miss Diana Cotton, QC, 50; Mr Graham Crowden, actor, 69; Mr George Duffield, jockey, 45; Mr D.W. Fry, physicist, 81; Sir Victor Goodhew, former MP, 72; Mr Gary Lineker, footballer, 31; Mr Radu Lupu, pianist, 46; Lord Parry, 66; Miss Marguerite Porter, ballerina, 43; Sir Stanley Rees, former High Court judge, 84; Mr Max Reinhardt, publisher, 76.

TOMORROW: Mr Woody Allen, actor and director, 56; Mr Anthony Coe, chief constable, Suffolk, 50; Mr Gordon Crosse, composer, 54; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 51; Miss Eva Evdokimova, prima ballerina assoluta, 43; Lord Glenconner, 65; Dame Alicia Markova, prima ballerina assoluta, 81; Mr Keith Michell, actor, 63; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 46; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 72; Mr Stephen Poliakoff, playwright, 39; Mr Richard Pryor, actor, 51; Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 67; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 78; Mr Andy Ripley rugby player, 44; Lord Roll of Ipsden, 84; Mr G.D. Squibb, QC, Norfolk Herald Extraordinary, 85; Mr Lee Trevino, golfer, 52; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 57.

Appointments

The following to be Deputy Lieutenants for Essex: Sir Terence Beckett; Mr Peter Lee; Mr John Minter, Lord Petre and Colonel R.C. Tompkins.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the service of consecration in Portsmouth Cathedral at 10.50.

TOMORROW: The Queen will attend the Advent carol service at King's College, Cambridge, at 6.30.

The Duchess of York will attend a variety show at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, at 6.45 in aid of the Wexham Park CT Scanner.

Reception

Royal Society
Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, was host at the annual anniversary reception for officers and fellows of the society held yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace after he had delivered the anniversary address.

Services for Advent Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), The eyes of all (Berger), Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 Advent Carol Service; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev J H R de Sausmarez.
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Litany (Loosemore), Missa Bel'amfirit altera, Canon R Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Responses (Shephard), Jackson in G; 4 EP; 6.30 Advent Procession.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Naylor), Benedicite (Ashfield in F), Benedictus (Stanford in C), The Dean; 11.30 HC, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons); 3.15 E, Responses (Ashfield), Magnificat primi toni (Victoria), Nunc dimittis, Ecce concipies (Handl), Canon J Halliburton; 6.30 Advent Carol Service.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Tomkins), Sumsion Benedicite in B flat, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Mr Trevor Hall; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Jeffrey Lewis Mass, Rev P Chester; 3 E, Wesley in E, Vox dicentis (Naylor), Canon C Semper; 6.30 Advent Carol Service with Candlelight.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), O nata lux (Tallis), Advent Prose (Plainsong), Canon M Kitchen; 3 World Aids Day Service; 6.30 Advent Carol Service.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Rorate caeli desuper, Canite tuba in Sion (Palestrina), Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Bach); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Conditor almae siderum (Washington), Magnificat octavi toni (plainsong), Ne timeas Maria (Victoria), Cloches dans le Ciel (Bonnal).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Mass in A minor (Casciolini), Ave verum (Byrd), Fr A Barratt; 2 Ghana Mass.
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Ven D N Griffiths.
ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA, SW3: 11 M, Matin Responsery (Palestrina), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Rondeau (Purcell), The Chaplain.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, The Chaplain.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Lux Mundi (Hurley), Audivi Media Nocte (Tallis), The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Advent prose (Plainsong), Missa Sacramentum (Pearmain), Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood), Rev K Joyce.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC; Canon E James.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11 MP, Benedicite, Jubilate, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Rev F V A Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Tallis), Te Deum, Benedictus (Stanford in C), Aspiciens a Longe (Handl), Canon J Murphy.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (William Smith), Benedicite omnia opera (Sumsion in D), Benedictus (Thalben-Ball in C), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), The Master.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev D S McKenzie.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in C, Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart); 3.30 Advent Carol Service.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 HC; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Walton), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Very Rev J A Simpson; 4 & 6 & The Short Service (Gibbons), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 HC, Rev S Wookey; 6.30 Preb R Bewes.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 Confirmation, Bishop of Kensington; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Acland.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family Service & HC, Preb J Collins; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev J A K Millar.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 Carols & Lessons for Advent, Rev K Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM & Confirmation, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Bishop of Edmonton; 5.30 LM.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Iste Confessor (Palestrina), A. O Jesu Christe (van Berchem), The Rector; 6.30 Advent Carol Service.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Responses (Reading), Jubilate (Dyson in D), Communion (Jackson in G), The Advent prose (Plainsong), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Advent Carol Service.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Gibbs), O Thou, the central orb (Wood), Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch; 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Victoria), A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Faunch; 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch at St Michael Paternoster Royal, Rev J Paul.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 10.30 MP, Preb M Bunker; 6.30 EP, Rev J Wood.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), How beautiful are the feet (Stainer), Rev D Perkins; 6 Christingle.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Communion, Rev O Ross; 6.30 ES, Candlelit Advent Carol Service, Rev O Ross.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, Fr A T Phyall; 6 V & B.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), Rev A Walker.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for 4 voices, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev D Watson; 6.30 Advent Carols.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 S Euch, Mass in 4 voices (Byrd), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Rev T Devonshire Jones; 6.30 Advent Carols.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: Reopens on December 8.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, Miss J Whitley; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev J Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service & HC, The Vicar; 6.30 Advent Carol Service, The Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Capt J Smith; 11.15 M, Capt J Smith; 6.30 E.
ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Litany & Plainsong Mass, Rev L van der Pump; 6 Advent Carol Service.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Adam lay ybounden (Ord), The Rector; 6.30 Advent Carols by Candlelight with Ministry of Healing, Dr P Pietroni.
ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung C, Rev G Clarke.
ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 10 SM, Music (Murray), Rev M Hayes; 6.30 LM.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 Family Service; 7 Informal Evening Services at Grey Coat Hospital School, Greycoat Terrace, SW1 and at St James the Less Church, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in A minor, Hosanna to the son of David (Weelkes).
ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Above the stars (Tomkins), Veni Domine (Guerrero), Rev D Jones; 6.30 Advent Carol Service.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Pange Lingua (Josquin), Videte miraculum (Tallis), Fr D Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Smith responses, Benedicite (Purcell), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev G James; 6.30 E, Grimon in E flat, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell).
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 630 Rev W Alexander Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 HC, Rev H Stanley C Hood.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Brevis (Seiber), Canite tuba in Sion (Guerrero), Ne timeas Maria (Vittoria).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Ecce Sacerdos Magnus (Palestrina), Ecce Dominus Veniet (Victoria).
CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15; 6.30 Fr P Nolan.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Conditor alme siderum (Praetorius), Orbis Factor (Plainsong), Ne timeas Maria (Vittoria), Canite tuba in Sion (Guerrero).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Missa Pange lingua (Des Prez), Wachet auf (Bach).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 (Latin Mass), 12.15 & 6.30 MM.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 6.30 LM (Sat); 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM (Latin), Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Ecce concipies (Handl).
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CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev R Whitehead.
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BIRTHS

GIBBS - On November 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Vandervell) and David, a son, a brother for Katherine and William.

GREENHALGH - On November 26th, at Guy's Hospital, to Jill (nee Donaldson) and David, a son, Thomas William Michael Iain.

JOLLANDS - On November 25th, to Caroline (née Grant) and Giles, a daughter, Venetia Grace.

MILLS - On November 27th, to Vanessa (née Harford) and Andrew, a daughter, Alice Victoria Rose, a sister for Charles.

MURPHY - On November 29th, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Annemarie (née Flegl) and Christopher, a daughter, Isabella Grania Lindsay.

MURPHY - On November 27th 1991, at King's College Hospital, to Sumalee (née Tunlikul) and Mike, a delightful daughter, Melissa.

NICHOLS - *see Reiss.*

OUWEHAND - On November 26th, at St Mary's Hospital, to Sally (née Davies) and Willem, a daughter, Olivia Sophie Abigail.

PAGET - On November 25th, to Henrietta (née Sweeting) and Campbell, a son, Caspian James *Alexander*, a brother for Georgina and Harry.

PARRACK - On November 27th, to Rachel (née Lawson Johnston) and Antony, a son, Felix Honorio Beach, a brother for Archie, and fellow second row?

REISS - On Wednesday November 27th, at King's College Hospital, to Dixie and Bob, a daughter, Anya Nicolette.

REYNOLDS - On November 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Mike and Terri, a daughter, Katherine.

TOMLINSON - *On November* 27th, to Jan and Paul, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Jayne, a sister to James and Steven.

DEATHS

BALDRY - On Thursday November 28th, Harold, aged 84, formerly Professor of Classics at the University of Southampton.

BALME - On November 28th (peacefully at Eastgate House Nursing Home, Lincoln), of Kisdon House, Muker, *Richmond*, North Yorkshire, Joan, dearly loved wife of the late Dr. Wykeham Balme. A very dear mother, mother-in-law and loving grandma. Funeral Service and interment to be held at St Mary's Church, Muker, on Wednesday December 4th at *1.30 pm. Will friends please* meet at the Church and accept this intimation.

BOWDER - On November 28th 1991, in hospital, Kenneth William Bowder O.B.E., of Oadby (Leicester), mourned by his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Oadby, on Tuesday December 3rd at 11am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for The Leicester General Hospital League of Friends Hospital Radio Appeal c/o Ginns & Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0533) 516117.

CARRINGTON - On November 29th, at her home in Upavon, Wiltshire, Jean Barbara Carrington, aged 73. Much loved sister of John, mother of *Simon and David* and grandmother of Rebecca, James, Sam and Sarah. Funeral Service St Mathew's Church, Rushall, Pewsey, Wiltshire, Wednesday December 4th at 2 pm.

CLARKE - On November 28th, at home in Pitney, Brigadier Percy Trant Clarke C.B.E., late 1st Prince of Wales' Own Sikhs, The Frontier Force Regiment. Funeral at Pitney Church on Wednesday December 4th at 2 pm.

COMFORT - On November *26th, at home in Cranbrook*, Kent, Jane Tristram (formerly Henderson), dearly loved wife of Alex Comfort. Burial private. Enquiries to Buss Murton Solicitors, 0892-510222.

CURTIN - On November 28th 1991, William George, in hospital, aged 70 years. Dear husband of Ella and loving father of Nicola. Funeral Service to be held at Landican Crematorium, Birkenhead, Wirral, at 1 pm Thursday December 5th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, 21 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AA.

DAVIES - On November 25th, suddenly in Bangor, North Wales, of 166 Chester Road, Macclesfield, late of Carrwood Road, Bromhall, Bridget (Pat), née McInerney, aged 72. Much loved and loving wife of D. Ninian C. (Dai) Davies and dearly loved *mother of Maureen, Sheila*, Jacqueline and Rosemarie and much loved grandmother. Requiem Mass St Albans R.C. Church, Macclesfield, 1.30 pm on December 4th.

DAVIS - On November 26th, in a nursing home near his home in *Littlewick Green*, Maidenhead, Godfrey Mark Davis LL.B. Husband of Sheila and father of Julian. Private cremation, Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

EDWARDES - On November 27th 1991, after a short illness, Harold Norman Arthur, aged 83 years. Much loved and greatly respected. Service East Dulwich URC, December 4th 10.30 am.

FORBES-JONES - On Wednesday November 27th, peacefully at St Leonard's Hospital, after a heroic struggle at home for the last six months, Bunny (Edith), beloved wife for over 50 years of Bobby and loving mother of Robin and Lynda.

GAMGEE - On November 26th, suddenly at home in Cobham, Angela, dearly loved wife of Oliver and mother of Mark. Funeral Service at 2.45 pm on Wednesday December 4th at St Andrew's Parish Church, Cobham, *followed by private* cremation. Flowers to James & Thomas Ltd., Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey, or donations to National Asthma Campaign, 300 Upper Street, London N1.

GEORGE - On November 22nd, *suddenly at his home* in Worthing, Albert Walter (Bill). Funeral has taken place.

HIBBERD - On November 26th 1991, peacefully in Poole, Dorset, Percy, aged 85 years, beloved by Joyce and daughters.

LAWRENSON - On November 27th, Ian George, at Charing Cross Hospital, aged 47, much loved by Daphne. Funeral, 12 noon December 4th at Dalling Road Evangelical (Baptist) Church, Hammersmith, W6.

MUNK - On November 27th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Peter, husband of Sumiko, father of Ariel, Danny and Simon. Funeral Service at 12.10 pm on Thursday December 5th at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium.

MURRAY - On November 29th, Greenup Fearon, aged 92 years, beloved husband of Dorrie. Cremation at Kingston Crematorium, December 6th at 2.30 pm.

NEWSON-SMITH - *On* November 29th 1991, peacefully after a long illness, Constance Beatrice, beloved wife of the late Clement, devoted mother of Grevile, Jane, Mary and the late Lear and also adored by her ten grandchildren. Cremation at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday December 4th at 12 noon. Flowers or donations, if preferred, for the N.S.P.C.C. may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 214A The Broadway, Broadstone, Dorset.

PEEL - On November 27th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Daphne Mildred Mary, aged 82, of Lymington, dear sister of John. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium on Thursday December 5th at 12 noon. No flowers or letters please.

RAWSTHORNE - On November 28th 1991, Barbara, aged 90 years, of Hale, Cheshire, daughter of the late Hubert and Janet Rawsthorne (formerly of Haslingden), sister of the late Alan and cousin of Elizabeth. Funeral Service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday December 4th at 11.30 am. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children may be sent to the Funeral Directors J.A. Whiston, King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, tel: (0565) 632644.

ROSE - On November 23rd, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Helen Curtis Rose. The loss of this brilliant and most beautiful actress and writer is tragic. The World's loss, Heaven's gain. Funeral, December 2nd, 2.15 pm at Golders Green Crematorium.

DEATHS

REID - *On November 26th* 1991, suddenly but peacefully in Guildford, Margaret MacGregor Fletcher, much loved and devoted mother of Elizabeth, Mary Anne and Alastair and deeply loved daughter of Sheila and the late Alexander Reid. A much loved sister, friend and colleague. Service will be held at Christ Church, Waterden Road, Guildford, at 12 midday on Thursday December 5th and thereafter to The Mount Cemetery, Guildford. Flowers to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Rd, Guildford, Surrey.

SMITH - *On November 28th*, peacefully in hospital after a gallant battle against cancer, Niall (Peter), much loved husband of Maura and father of Alistair. Cremation at Brakespear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday December 5th at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Michael Sobell House, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood. Enquiries to Henry Paul Ltd., Ickenham, (0896) 633510.

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WALMSLEY-FISHER - On *November 22nd, peacefully* at Malin Court, Ayrshire, Dora, wife of the late Col. Guy Walmsley-Fisher, mother of Sean and Sheila. Funeral Service was on November 25th at Ayr Crematorium with family present. Donations, if *desired, to Help Hammar* Cancer, Hammersmith Hospital, London.

WEIR - On November 27th 1991, Hugh Mello, aged 36. Much loved husband of Barbara and father of Emily and Sybilla, dear son of Cora and Alastair and brother of *Goyle*, Hanneke, *Romy* and Lolo. Funeral on Tuesday December 3rd at 2 pm in the Parish Church, Inchture, Perthshire, Scotland. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to the Save the Children Fund. Information from R.A. Urquhart, the Undertaker at Inchture, (0828) 86260.

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A written notice of the intention to make application for a zoo licence, giving details about the proposed zoo, has been sent to the said council. This may be inspected free of charge at the office of the council at The Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Council Offices, The Air Station, West Malling, Kent ME19 6LZ between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30pm.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives *among the persons* entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

ANDREWS, EDGAR GEORGE of 15 *Elvaston Place*, London SW7 died on 2nd June 1991. Particulars to Messrs. D.B. Morris & Co., Solicitors of 23 Golden Square, London W1R 3PA before 15th February 1992.

AUGER, REGINALD WILLIAM AUGER late of 79, Ferndale Road, South Norwood, London SE25 died at Croydon on 1st May 1990 (undisposed of residue £6,686)
The kin of the above named are requested to apply to W.G.R. Saunders & Son of 13, Station Road, South Norwood, London SE25 5AH.

HUMPHREY, SUSANNAH of 30 Bellamy Drive, Stanmore, Middlesex died on 29th March 1991. Particulars to Messrs. D.B. Morris & Co., Solicitors of 23 Golden Square, London W1R 3PA before 4th February 1992.

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WYNDHAM OLLIVANT JONES DECEASED

PURSUANT TO THE Trustee Act 1925 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and others having any claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the Estate of Wyndham Ollivant Jones late of New House, New Road, Brynmenyn, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF32 9LL, *who died on the Ninth* day of July 1991 intestate and Letters of Administration to whose Estate were granted on the 31st day of October 1991 out of the Probate Registry of Wales to Cyril Pierre Pascoe are HEREBY REQUIRED to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before the 1st day of February 1992 after *which date the said Administrator* will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased's among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he then has had notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the Deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he then has not had notice.

Dated this 26th day of November 1991.
EDWARD LEWIS & CO.,
Waterloo House, Fitzalan Court, Newport Road, Cardiff. CF2 1EL
(Ref: TJM)
Solicitors
to the said Administrator

LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER of The Companies referred to in the Schedule hereto
– and –
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitions were on the 12th day of November 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the reduction of the capital and/or the share premium accounts of the Companies whose names are set out in the first column of the Schedule hereto from the amounts set opposite their respective names in the third column of such Schedule to the amounts set opposite their respective names in the fourth column of such Schedule.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petitions are directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Monday the 9th day of December 1991

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of any of the said Companies desiring *to oppose the making* of an Order for the confirmation of the reduction of capital and/or Share Premium Account of the Company or Companies of which he is a Creditor or Shareholder should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition(s) will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

DATED this 30th day of November 1991

LINKLATERS & PAINES (AROB)
Barrington House
59-67 Gresham Street London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the Company

THE SCHEDULE

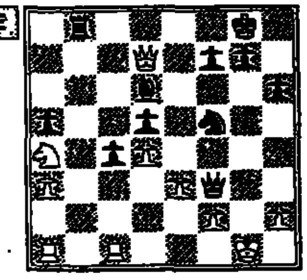
1	2	3	4
Name of Company and number of proceedings	To be reduced	Present amount of capital and/or Share Premium Account	Amount to which capital and/or Share Premium Account is to be reduced
		£	£
Royal Life Estates (North East) Limited No. 0012809 of 1991	Capital	6,000,000	2,823,278
Stappard & Hill Limited No. 0012810 of 1991	Capital	270,000	248,641
Moody & Co. (Estate Agents) Limited No. 0012811 of 1991	Capital	325,100	315,930
Dancey & Joyce Limited No. 0012812 of 1991	Capital	1,700,000	1,593,307
William H Brown Limited No. 0012813 of 1991	Capital	20,000,000	2,343,348
	Share Premium Account	45,883,604	Nil
Pepper Fox Limited No. 0012814 of 1991	Capital	6,000,000	496,329
RLES Estate Agents Limited No. 0012815 of 1991	Capital	30,000,000	5,311,940
RLES Financial Services Limited No. 0012816 of 1991	Capital	500,000	259,503
Royal Life Estates (West) Limited No. 0012817 of 1991	Capital	10,000,000	1,635,636
Royal Life Estates (North West) Limited No. 0012819 of 1991	Capital	40,000,000	23,144,698
	Share Premium Account	2,763,250	Nil
Phillips Sanders & Stubbs Limited No. 0012820 of 1991	Capital	15,000	14,541
	Share Premium Account	51,703	Nil
Crown (South Wales) Estate Agents Limited No. 0012821 of 1991	Capital	5,000,000	2,852,993
	Share Premium Account	596,802	Nil
J P Austin Limited No. 0012822 of 1991	Share Premium Account	866,000	Nil
Allen & Harris Limited No. 0012823 of 1991	Share Premium Account	38,000	Nil
Royal Life Estates (South) Limited No. 0012824 of 1991	Share Premium Account	81,538,924	Nil
Swetenhams Limited No. 0012825 of 1991	Share Premium Account	11,686	Nil
Bagshaws Residential Limited No. 0012826 of 1991	Share Premium Account	999,000	Nil
John S Brown & Son (N/W) Limited No. 0012827 of 1991	Share Premium Account	9,000	Nil
Jones Chapman Harland Limited No. 0012828 of 1991	Share Premium Account	2,119,137	Nil
Marlyn Homes Centre Limited No. 0012829 of 1991	Share Premium Account	40,067	Nil
Selnorth Limited No. 0012830 of 1991	Share Premium Account	50,767	Nil
Wharfedale Insurance Services Limited No. 0012831 of 1991	Share Premium Account	16,000	Nil
Clews Ivens Limited No 0012832 of 1991	Share Premium Account	1,692,799	Nil
Charles R. Phillips Limited No. 0012833 of 1991	Share Premium Account	69,971	Nil
Royal Life Holdings Limited No. 0012834 of 1991	Share Premium Account	202,442,333	85,554,829
Royal Life Estates Limited No 0012835 of 1991	Share Premium Account	185,000,000	Nil

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Ruban — Arencibia, Santa Clara 1991. How *did black finish off?*

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct *answers drawn on* Thursday next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday.



Solution (Nov 23): 1 Qg8. The winners are: B. Causer, Stoke-by-Nayland; D.L. Hughes, Deganwy; A. Smettem, Padiham.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

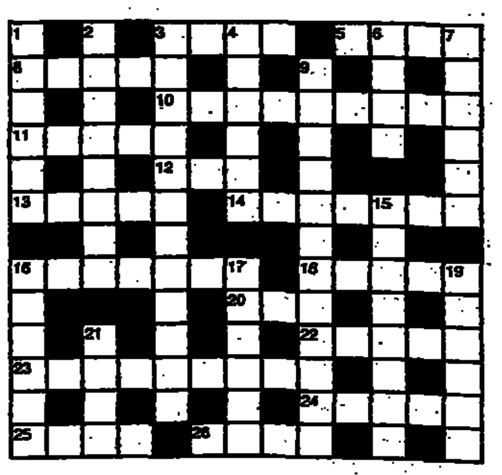
ERDIES
(a) Those who are earth-bound, square, from the Seventies: "'Bunch of Erdies,' Jagger moaned, Erdies denoting all those faceless and mindless men who weren't hip, who were trapped in jobs and careers and *prisons of the mind.*"

ACOUCHY
(a) A kind of agouti, a small rodent quadruped allied to the guinea-pig, sometimes called the Surinam Rabbit, from the French *acouchi*: "The Acouchy is considerably smaller, and is at once distinguished by the greater length of its tail."

POSNET
(c) A small metal pot for boiling, having a handle and three feet, diminutive of the OF *poçon* a pot: "The greater number of posnets and porringers still found in old homes in New England."

EUPHRASY
(c) The plant Eyebright, *Euphrasia officinalis*, formerly held in high repute for the treatment of diseases of the eye, from the Greek *euphrasia* cheerfulness: "Euphrasy/That gives dim eyes to wander leagues around."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2652



ACROSS
- 3 Rational (4)
- 5 Smart (4)
- 8 Break out (5)
- 10 New Zealand rugby team (3,6)
- 11 Rest on surface (5)
- 12 S Nigerian people (3)
- 13 Picture (5)
- 14 Lumps (7)
- 16 Since 1945 (7)
- 18 Low washing basin (5)
- 20 In the past (3)
- 22 In town (5)
- 23 Stage player (9)
- 24 Effrontery (5)
- 25 Thames island (4)
- 26 Inactive (4)

DOWN
- 1 Strengthen (4,2)
- 2 Funny (8)
- 3 Estate car (7,5)
- 4 Trafalgar hero (6)
- 6 Country bumpkin (4)
- 7 Universe (6)
- 9 Lewes opera estate (12)
- 15 President Johnson's wife (8)
- 16 Folk (6)
- 17 Random (6)
- 19 Oil ship (6)
- 21 Spirit (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2651
ACROSS: 1 Tempus 5 In fun 8 Ion 9 Amoral 10 Debris 11 Onus 12 Charcoal 14 Shut in 15 Chummy 16 Plectrum 18 Hate 19 Mammal 21 Boohoo 22 Lie 23 Yonks 24 Dotage
DOWN: 2 Edmund Hillary 3 Parasitic 4 Silicon 5 India 6 Fib 7 Neil Armstrong 13 Caught out 15 Campbed 17 Rolls 20 Man

NOV 30 ON THIS DAY 1911

"Lord" George Sanger, showman and circus proprietor, was a commanding figure in the world of entertainment. His killer committed suicide. Admirers of Dickens's Hard Times *may well see a likeness between "Lord" George and Mr Sleary, the circus proprietor, in the novel.*

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THE MURDER OF "LORD" GEORGE SANGER

As reported in the London Edition of *The Times* yesterday, "Lord" George Sanger, the well-known showman and circus proprietor, was murdered on Tuesday evening at his house, known as Park Farm, East End-road, Finchley. The supposed murderer, an *employé* on the farm named Herbert Cooper, escaped, and has so far evaded capture.

According to the more detailed *information now available, about 6* o'clock in the evening "Lord" George Sanger was in his drawing-room, being read to by a middle-aged man named Harry Austin, formerly a bare-back rider. In the usual course a young man named Jackson performed this duty of reading, but on this occasion he was engaged in the kitchen. Shortly after 6 o'clock Cooper, who is the son of a farm bailiff, came into the kitchen and asked Jackson a question, and then, practically without warning, he is alleged to have rushed at Jackson with a razor and cut him severely. Cooper next picked up a hatchet and went towards the drawing room. He was met by Austin who had heard the noise outside. Cooper aimed a blow at Austin with the hatchet, and then rushed at "Lord" George Sanger, who had risen from his chair, and is said to have struck the showman several blows so that the old man sank to the ground. Cooper at once escaped.

The veteran showman, born in 1827, was supposed by many members of the humbler class of van-folk to have received a title from Queen Victoria as a reward for the satisfaction his show had given to "all the crowned heads of Europe", to quote *a phrase from his mid-Victorian* posters.

Not much is known of the famous showman's early years. According to his autobiography, however, he was "on the road" at the age of five *in his father's caravan* (his father was a naval pensioner who had served aboard the Victory at Trafalgar), and was in a position to make the boast, "I donned my tights the very day Queen Victoria put on the Crown." It was not long before he had his own travelling show.

The habit of magniloquence remained with him to the last; he would never use short word when a polysyllable could be made to serve his purpose. That which was a "freak" to P. T. Barnum, his American rival, was to him an "amazing monstrosity." Secondly, he had the knack of taming animals; by the exercise of kindness rather than severity, as he was careful to explain. He never allowed an *employé* to ill-treat any of his animals. When one of the largest and fiercest of his lions escaped and was hiding in a dark court guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets, he entered by himself and led the animal out by its ear, *knowing how glad the beast* would be to hear a familiar voice and be taken back to its comfortable cage.

From small beginnings he built up one of the greatest businesses of its kind, said to be worth £100,000, though the value was certainly exaggerated, for obvious reasons. In 1872 he was able to buy Astley's Amphitheatre in Westminster Bridge-road for £11,000, a large menagerie forming part of the establishment, and for 27 years the undertaking was highly successful under his direction. In his famous pantomime of *Gulliver's Travels* there were mustered on the stage for the grand final act 200 men, 300 women, 200 children, 52 horses, 13 elephants, 9 camels, 2 lions led on chains, and a great variety of lesser animals.

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BBC 1

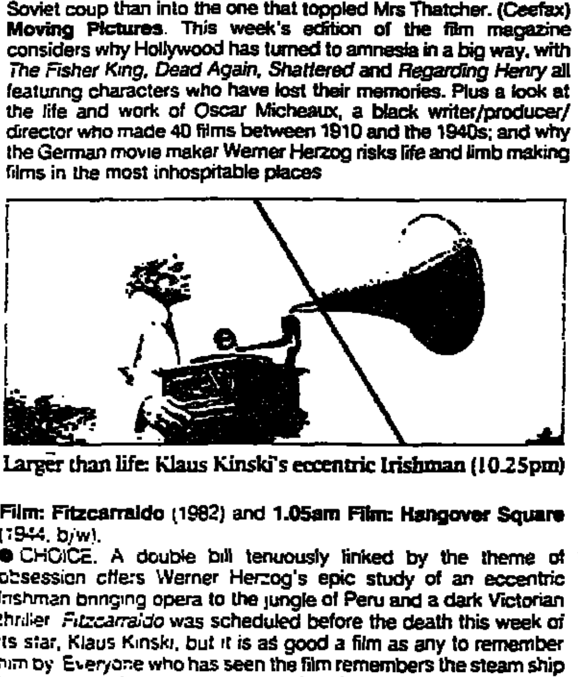
7.25 News and weather
7.30 Ovide. Cartoon adventures of a duck-billed platypus (r) **7.40 Opposites Attract.** The eleventh of Derek Griffith's 15-part series on animals **7.50 The Jetsons.** Cartoon adventures of a jet age family (r) **8.15 Chucklevision.** Paul and Barry, the Chuckle brothers, become beach home builders (s) **8.35 Dungeons and Dragons.** Animated adventures (r)
9.00 Going Live! presented by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The young people's entertainment magazine has guest appearances from comic actor Rowan Atkinson, singer Sonia and animatronics expert Brian Henderson. Plus the usual cartoons, videos, competitions, news and reviews (s) **12.12 Weather**
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20 Boxing and Football:** highlights of this week's heavyweight bouts in Atlanta featuring Evander Holyfield and Britain's heavyweight hope Lennox Lewis; and action from Liverpool's Uefa cup match in Austria against Swarovski Tirol; **12.55** News; **1.00, 1.30** and **2.05** Racing from Chepstow; **1.10, 1.45** and **2.20** Snooker: the first session of the final of the UK professional championship from the Guild Hall, Preston; **2.55** Rugby League: live coverage of the Regal Trophy, round three match between Salford and Wigan; **4.35** Final Score
5.00 News and weather
5.10 Regional News and sport. Wales: Wales on Saturday
5.15 Popeye. Cartoon (r)
5.25 Only Fools and Horses. Last in the series of repeats of John Sullivan's marvellous comedy starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst as a pair of south London wheeler-dealers. The hapless Denzil is smooth-talked into lending Del his redundancy money. With Buster Merryfield and Paul Barber (r). (Ceefax) Wales: 5.45 Cartoon
5.55 Noel's House Party. Fun and games hosted by Noel Edmonds. The guests include comedian Frank Carson, *Bread* actress Jean Boht, Howard Lew Lewis from *Brush Strokes* and snooker players Willie Thorne and John Virgo (s)
6.45 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. More families compete for the chance to win the conveyor belt goodies, spurred on by the evergreen Brucie. (Ceefax) (s)
7.45 Film: Jaws — the Revenge (1987) starring Michael Caine, Lorraine Gary and Lance Guest. Several years have passed since Amity lost its sheriff to a giant man-eating shark and this fourth bite at the saga is not a patch on Steven Spielberg's slick original. The Saturday evening peak audience deserves better. Directed by Joseph Sargent. (Ceefax) (s)
9.15 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather

Critical eye: comedian Lenny Henry joins Clive James (9.35pm)

9.35 Saturday Night Clive. Clive James takes a wry look at television absurdities from around the world with his studio guest Lenny Henry
10.20 Snooker. David Vine introduces action from frames eight to 14 of the best-of-31 final of the UK professional championship at the Guild Hall, Preston
11.40 Film: Don't Just Lie There, Say Something (1973) starring Leslie Phillips, Brian Rix and Joanna Lumley. Strained bedroom farce based on Michael Pertwee's West End play about an accident-prone Member of Parliament who is a campaigner for public decency with two mistresses and a facility to lose his trousers at inopportune times. Directed by Bob Kellett
1.10 Weather

BBC 2

8.45 Open University
11.05 Spirit of Asia. A documentary about an old army camp in southern France which is home to Vietnamese refugees (r)
12.05 Holiday Outings. Kathy Tayler reports on the Sundance Trail, a 2,000 mile journey through Wyoming and Colorado (r)
12.15 Film: Journey Into Fear (1942, b/w) starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotten. Flamboyant second world war spy thriller, based on an Eric Ambler novel, about an American munitions expert on the run from the Gestapo who comes into the clutches of a corrupt police chief (Welles in the first of his villainous roles). Nominally directed by Norman Foster but the Welles style and touch is everywhere.
1.25 Two Points of View. Examples of the work of two of The Netherlands' leading fashion photographers
1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham continues her visit to stately Chatsworth House in Derbyshire (r)
2.15 Network East. Magazine series on Asian matters
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 74 of the 93-part Indian epic. Wales: Only Fools and Horses 3.15 Animation Now
3.30 Film: The Only Way (1970) starring Martin Potter and Jane Seymour. Efficient second world war drama set in German-occupied Denmark about a group of Danes who risk their lives to smuggle Jews to safety. Directed by Bent Christensen
4.55 Snooker introduced by David Vine
5.05 Play Bridge with Zia. In the fourth of his six-part series Zia Mahmood demonstrates handling the trump suit, the dangers of the finesse and increasing the odds in your favour
6.35 Late Again. Highlights of *The Late Show* (s)
7.20 Have I Got News for You. Irreverent news quiz (r) (s)
7.50 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather
8.05 Sounds of the 60s. The penultimate part of the series that delves into the BBC's rock, pop and rhythm and blues archives (s)
8.35 The Second Russian Revolution: Coup.
● CHOICE: Norma Percy's compelling series reaches its climax and conclusion with a reconstruction of the abortive August coup, based on interviews with many of the key figures. This programme, like its predecessors, is a measure of the success of glasnost. When Nikita Khrushchev was deposed 27 years ago, he, like Mikhail Gorbachev, was on holiday in the Crimea. The difference is that Khrushchev did not turn up on British television a few months later to talk about it. Tonight we have first-hand accounts from Gorbachev and Raisa Gorbachev, from Boris Yeltsin and, not least, from the leaders of the coup. Broadly they confirm the story already beamed across the world. But there is much additional detail, related in the authentic voices of the people who were there. Thanks to this film we probably have a better insight into the failed Soviet coup than into the one that toppled Mrs Thatcher. (Ceefax)
9.35 Moving Pictures. This week's edition of the film magazine considers why Hollywood has turned to amnesia in a big way, with *The Fisher King, Dead Again, Shattered* and *Regarding Henry* all featuring characters who have lost their memories. Plus a look at the life and work of Oscar Micheaux, a black writer/producer/director who made 40 films between 1910 and the 1940s; and why the German movie maker Werner Herzog risks life and limb making films in the most inhospitable places


Larger than life: Klaus Kinski's eccentric Irishman (10.25pm)

10.25 Film: Fitzcarraldo (1982) and **1.05am Film: Hangover Square** (1944, b/w).
● CHOICE. A double bill tenuously linked by the theme of obsession offers Werner Herzog's epic study of an eccentric Irishman bringing opera to the jungle of Peru and a dark Victorian thriller. *Fitzcarraldo* was scheduled before the death this week of its star, Klaus Kinski, but it is as good a film as any to remember him by. Everyone who has seen the film remembers the steam ship being dragged across a mountain. But Kinski's performance has a similarly larger-than-life quality. *Hangover Square* was loosely based on a novel by Patrick Hamilton, who also wrote *Gaslight* and *Rope*. The story of a pianist driven by discordant noises to murderous frenzy, it has atmospheric photography, a Bernard Herrmann score and a compelling performance by the outsize Laird Cregar. Cregar had slimmed for the part but the crash diet weakened his heart and killed him. John Brahm directs. Ends at 2.25

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment. This week's edition includes the first episode of a new cartoon, *Beetlejuice*, and music from Right Said Fred. Presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin
11.30 The Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Swing Out Sister with "Breakout" (s)
12.30 Superman. Cartoon adventures of the American comic strip hero
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to tomorrow's televised north London derby match between Arsenal and Spurs at Highbury
2.00 Bewitched by a Dolphin. The story of a young wild dolphin, christened Simo by the Welsh fishing villagers who befriend him
3.00 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (1961) starring Walter Pidgeon, Joan Fontaine and Peter Lorre. Diverting underwater adventure that inspired the cult television series of the same name. When the radiation belt round the earth catches fire Admiral Harriman, captain of the nuclear submarine Seaview, decides that the only way to put out the conflagration is to fire a missile into the centre of the fire. Directed by Irwin Allen, who went on to produce *The Poseidon Adventure* and *The Towering Inferno*.
4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.10 10 Sharp! Pat Sharp is joined by Gary Wilmot and nine-year-old actress Thora Birch who is tipped to be the Shirley Temple of the 1990s (s)
5.25 Catchphrase. Quiz game show hosted by Roy Walker
5.55 Baywatch. Muscle-bound adventures of a group of Los Angeles life-guards. This week Mitch saves the life of a woman when her car careers over a cliff into the briny. It later transpires that her passenger who died was already dead before the accident. Starring David Hasselhoff and Shannon Tweed. (Oracle) (s)
6.50 Blind Date. Cilla Black matches up another selection of hopefuls looking for romance. (Oracle)

Charitable finale: Motown supremo, Diana Ross (7.50pm)

7.50 Royal Variety Performance from the Victoria Palace Theatre, London, in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, in aid of the Entertainment Artists' Benevolent Fund. In addition to the long list of entertainers who include Les Dawson, Marti Webb, Jackie Mason, Julia McKenzie and Michael Ball, there are excerpts from Cameron Mackintosh-produced musicals — *Les Miserables, Miss Saigon, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, My Fair Lady, Oliver, Song and Dance* and *Five Guys Named Moe*. The show begins with two songs from *Buddy* and finishes with Diana Ross (s)
10.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
10.50 Beverly Hills 90210. A special episode of the American high school drama to coincide with tomorrow's World Aids Day. (Oracle)
11.50 Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of raw army recruits on active service in Vietnam
12.50am Cue the Music: Queen at Wembley. A tribute to Freddie Mercury
1.50 The Big E. Entertainment magazine. Includes interviews with Sting and Bob Geldof and an item on snow skating
2.55 Coach. American comedy series about a college football coach
3.25 American College Football. Clemson v Georgia
4.20 The Hit Man and Her. Music and news from the club scene, presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan (s)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **6.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Space.** An exploration of outer space through the eyes of animated characters **7.25 Sporting Years to Remember.** Pathe News sports coverage from 1935 to 1940 **7.55 Trans World Sport**
9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: the Morning Line**
9.30 Same Difference. Magazine series on disability issues. This edition includes an item on wheelchair access in the countryside
10.00 Travelog. John Walters discovers exciting Brussels (r)
10.30 Wagon Train: The C.L. Harding Story (b/w). Claire Trevor joins the classic western series
11.30 Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge. Ronan Rafferty and Sam Torrance are joined by Peter Cook and Nigel Mansell (r)
12.30 American Football — Red 42. Action from the NFL's week 13
1.00 Air Pirates of the Outback. Animation
1.15 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Live coverage of the 1.25, 1.55, 2.30 (William Hill Handicap Hurdle) and 3.00 races
3.25 Film: A Ticket to Tomahawk (1950) starring Dan Dailey, Anne Baxter, Rory Calhoun and Walter Brennan. Unassuming comedy western with music about a travelling salesman who finds himself the only paying passenger on a train under threat from Indians and stage coach owners. Directed by Richard Sale
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s)
6.30 News summary and weather followed by **Right to Reply.** Is television coverage of Yugoslavia's civil war biased towards the Croatians? (Teletext) (s)
7.00 South. Three film-makers from developing countries convey the complexities of living in a Latin America reeling from its military past through a mixture of animation, film clips and fiction

Master pickpocket: Alec Guinness as scheming Fagin (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: Oliver Twist (1948, b/w).
● CHOICE: The Alec Guinness season continues with his masterly performance as Fagin in David Lean's finely-crafted film, still one of the best Dickens adaptations. The Guinness characterisation, helped by convincing make-up, was so strong that it was denounced in the United States as anti-semitic. Scenes involving Guinness were cut and American audiences did not see the full version until 1970. Guinness enriches the film but does not overwhelm it. The rest of the casting is uniformly successful, notably John Howard Davies (later to produce *Monty Python* and *Fawlty Towers*) in the title role, Robert Newton as Bill Sykes and Anthony Newley as the Artful Dodger. The film is consistently striking to look at, thanks to a close collaboration between Lean, his cameraman Guy Green and designer John Bryan and the script simplifies a sprawling novel without violating it. (Teletext)
10.10 Next Stop Hollywood. The season of shorts from new American film directors continues with *To the Moon, Alice*, made by Jesse Nelson. The story of a homeless family who find refuge on a sitcom set after filming. Starring Julie Kavner of *Rhoda* fame
10.45 Film: A Short Film About Love (1988).
● CHOICE: A shortened edition of this film was transmitted on BBC2, during its season devoted to the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Ten Commandments* sequence. But this is the first television showing of the cinema version. It is still a precise and economical piece of film-making. Kieslowski places his drama in a carefully evoked realistic setting, an area of drab high-rise flats on the edge of Warsaw. Echoing Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, Kieslowski has his hero, a 19-year-old postal clerk, spying on an attractive older woman in the flat opposite. For a long time he cannot summon up the courage to confront her. When he does, events take an unfortunate turn. Kieslowski transcends the film's voyeuristic potential with tenderness, humour and a sharp eye for character. He is helped by the skilled playing of Olaf Lubaszenko as the boy and Grazyna Szapolowska as the woman
12.20am The Oprah Winfrey Show. A fifth anniversary special. Among the guests are Arnold Schwarzenegger and Roseanne Barr
1.15 American Football — Red 42 (r)
1.45 The Word. Among the guests are comedienne Sandra Bernhard and comic actress Barbara Windsor (r) (s). Ends at 2.45

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Danger Bay 6.30 What a Country 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Transformers 11.30 Star Trek: Cartoon 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Monkey 4.00 240 Robert 5.00 The Torch 5.30 [illegible] in the Creek 6.00 Robin of Sherwood 7.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops I 9.30 Cops II 10.00 All American Wrestling 11.00 The Rookies 12.00 The Outsiders 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.00 Dayline 11.30 Newsline Weekend 12.30pm Those Were The Days 1.30 Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Target 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase and 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Runaway Heart (1990): A woman falls in love with her kidnapper
10.00 Anything to Survive (1990): A family is shipwrecked off the Alaskan coast
12.00 The Death of the Incredible Hulk (1990). David Banner, the Hulk's alter ego, tries to cure his split personality
2.00pm Ski Patrol (1989): A group of skiers attempts to foil the plans of an evil developer
4.00 Entertainment Tonight
4.20 Sky Movies Special Event: WWF Survivor Series. Wrestling elimination contest from Detroit
6.00 Memphis Belle (1990): Second world war drama about the crew of the B-17 bomber. Starring Matthew Modine
10.00 China O'Brien 2 (1990): The martial arts heroine (Cynthia Rothrock) becomes a small town sheriff
11.30 Emmanuelle (1974): A French diplomat's wife (Sylvia Kristel) has numerous sexual adventures in Bangkok
1.05am The Cobra (1989): A kung fu master and his former pupil engage in a life-and-death battle
2.35 Hard to Kill (1990): Cop Steven Seagal avenges the murder of his wife and child with the help of nurse Kelly LeBrock
4.10 The Raven-Red Kiss-Off (1990): A studio mogul hires a Hollywood detective to spy on his wife. Ends at 5.40

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Penny Serenade (1941, b/w): An ill-fated couple (Cary Grant, Irene Dunne) adopt a child
8.15 My Little Pony (1986): Cartoon
9.50 Strategic Air Command (1955): Professional baseball player James Stewart is recalled to military service
12.00 World Entertainment Report
1.00pm Bionic Showdown (1989): Starring Lee Majors and Lindsay Wagner
2.40 Dreamer of Oz (1990): Biopic of L. Frank Baum, whose novel inspired the film *The Wizard of Oz*
4.15 Marilyn and Me (1991). A reporter meets an aspiring actress called Norma Jean Baker
6.15 The Mummy's Tomb (1942, b/w): An Egyptian mummy (Lon Chaney Jr) follows the members of an archaeological dig to the United States 7.40 Spotlight
8.05 Tremors (1990): Homage to the monster films of the 1950s. Starring Kevin Bacon
9.45 Immediate Family (1990): Teenagers Kevin Dillon and Mary Stuart Masterson agree to give up their baby to a childless couple (James Woods, Glenn Close)
11.30 Upworld (1990). An undercover cop (Anthony Michael Hall) teams up with a magical gnome to solve a case
1.05am The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover (1989): Peter Greenaway's morality tale. Starring Michael Gambon
3.10 Punchline (1988): A medical student and a housewife train to become stand-up comedians. Ends at 5.00

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm The Lucy Hour 5.00 The Love Boat 6.00 Car 54, Where Are You? 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 Abbott and Costello 7.30 Maniac Mansion 8.00 Film: California Suite (1978) starring Jane Fonda, Alan Alda 10.00 Comic Strip Live 11.00 The Last Laugh 11.30 The Burns and Allen Show

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 5.30am Aerobics 7.00 NFL Today 8.00 Fishing the West 8.30 European League Round-Up 9.30 Sky Soccer Weekend 10.30 WCW World Wide Wrestling 11.30 Motor World 12.00 German League Football 2.00pm Superbouts 3.00 NFL Thanksgiving Day Game 5.00 Golf Classics 6.00 World Cup Classics: 1982 World Cup Final 7.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling 9.00 Ringside 11.00 Red Line 12.00 NFL Thanksgiving Day Game 2.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am International Motorsport 9.00 Skiing World Cup: Ladies' Slalom; Eurolympics Preview; Wrestling; RAC Rally World Championship; Davis Cup Tennis; Skiing World Cup: Men's Slalom 6.30 International Motorsport 7.30 Davis Cup Tennis 9.00 Boxing 10.00 Skiing World Cup: Ladies' Slalom

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Supercross 8.00 Pilote 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 Vancouver Triathlon 10.00 Japanese International Golf 11.30 NBA Basketball 1.00pm Argentine Football 2.00 Lombard RAC Rally Highlights 3.00 US College Football 4.00 Powersports 5.00 Top Rank Boxing 6.00 Copa America 1991 8.00 Macau Grand Prix 1991 9.00 NHRA Drag Racing 10.00 American College Football 1.00am The Best of US Boxing 2.30 Japanese International Golf 4.00 Supercross 5.00 Lombard RAC Rally Highlights 6.00 Powersports

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 White Shadow 1.55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Search for Tomorrow 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Mark Knopfler 3.00 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Loose Talk (r) 7.30 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Seal, recorded at London's Hammersmith Odeon in October; Taj Mahal, recorded at the Town and Country Club 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 6.05 Ronnie Hilton. Sounds of the 1950s 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the 1960s 10.00 Sarah Kennedy 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines: The 300th Edition (r) 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 It Was a Very Good Year: The guitarist Bert Weedon looks back to 1959 and television presenter Sylvia Peters recalls 1952 4.30 Katie and Friends: Katie Boyle with the weekly magazine for animal lovers 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Screenplay (r) 6.00 Radio 2 Ballroom: Those Were The Days. Alan Randall introduces the Bryan Smith Orchestra 7.00 Jazz Score 7.30 St Andrew's Day Celebration: Live from Broadcasting House, Glasgow 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Brian Matthew: Sounds of the 1960s 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm. 6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 On Your Marks 12.00 Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Win four tickets to the International Show Jumping Championship at Olympia. Tel: 0345 909693 1.30 Sport on 5, with Jon Inverdale. Football: Barclays League — Crystal Palace v Manchester Utd; Leeds v Everton; Norwich v Liverpool; Racing from Sandown Park: (2.30) William Hill Handicap Hurdle; (3.00) Tingle Creek Chase: Rugby Union third round of the Pilkington Cup and results from the Welsh and Scottish Leagues. Rugby League; Tennis; Snooker 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 News 6.06 Sor-O-Sor 7.30 Le Top 9.00 Afropop Worldwide 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 On the Level, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 German Features 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours Live, News Summary 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Cole Porter Among Friends 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 World News 9.05 Waveguide 9.15 World Brief 9.30 Personal View 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.01 Jazz Now and Then 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 Club 648 2.15 Personal View 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 News 3.15 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.01 Sportsworld: final results 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.45 News in German 8.00 News 8.09 Book Choice 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Europe This Weekend 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Seeing Stars 10.20 Meridian 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: Damaged Goods 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Men by Women, Women by Men 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 From Our Own Correspondent 3.50 Write On.. 4.00 Newsdesk

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Motorsport 1.55 The A-Team 2.50 Film: Elephant Walk 5.05 Anglia News 5.20-5.30 Cartoon

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.55 Hard Time on Planet Earth 2.50-4.45 Film: High Tide at Noon 5.15-5.30 Cartoon Time 11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder 1.20 The Twilight Zone 1.50 ABC in Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.55 The World of Women's Tennis 2.25 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.40-4.45 Film: Oliver Twist 5.05 Central News 5.10-5.30 Central Sports Special — Goals Extra 11.45 Film: Kojak — The Price of Justice 1.30 Married...with Children 2.00 CinemAttractions 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 This Week in Nascar 3.50 Film: Escape Route 5.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 11.30pm Peppino 12.00-1.00 The ITV Chart Show 1.55 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.50-4.45 Film: Doctor in Clover 5.05 Granada News 5.10-5.30 Granada Goals Extra 11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder 1.20 The Twilight Zone 1.50 ABC in Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.55 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.50 Film: Doctor in Distress 5.05-5.30 HTV West News and Sport 10.50-11.40 Pilkington Cup Rugby

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.05pm HTV Wales News & Sport 5.20-5.30 Cartoon Time

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 1.55 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.50-4.45 Film: The Birthday Present 5.15-5.30 Gus Honeybun's Cartoon Time 11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder 1.20 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Pop Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Blockbusters 1.55 ...And They Walked Away 2.50-4.45 Film: Secret of the Incas 5.15-5.30 Cartoon

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Riverside 1.55 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.50-4.45 Film: Doctor in Clover 5.05 Northern Life Sport Special 5.15-5.30 Cartoon Time 11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder 1.20 The Twilight Zone 1.50 ABC in Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Dinosaurs 1.55 Superstars of Wrestling 2.50-4.45 Film: Oliver Twist 11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder (Raquel Welch, Robert Culp, Ernest Borgnine) 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 ABC in Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Katts and Dog 1.55 Soccer in the Seventies 2.25 The A-Team 3.20-4.45 Film: Wonder Women 5.15-5.30 Cartoon Time 11.45 Film: Brubaker 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 4.55 Profile 5.00-5.30 Music Box

S4C

Starts: 6.00pm Comic Book 6.55 Once Upon a Time...Space 7.25 Sporting Years to Remember 7.55 Trans World Sport 9.00 News summary 9.05 C4 Racing — The Morning Line 9.30 Jeifin 10.00 The Time Tunnel 11.00 A Brush with Art 12.00 Travelog 12.30 American Football — Red 42 1.00 Air Pirates of the Outback 1.15 Film: A Ticket to Tomahawk 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Free For All 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwrn 7.25 Bochs H-O 'Ma 8.30 Margaret Williams 8.40 Cwmwd'a 9.10 Quizbowl 9.40 Tocyn Tymor 10.10 Film: The Bad and the Beautiful (Lana Turner, Dick Powell) 12.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 1.15 American Football — Red 42 1.45 The Word 2.45 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00 Chips 1.50 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.40 Two Poppet Show 2.50 Gunsmoke 3.45 Film: Father Brown Detective 5.30 Eureka 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 9.20 Kenny Live 10.40 House of Cards 11.45 An Evening with Burt Bacharach 12.40 News 12.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 10.50am Oireachtas Report 11.10 Film: Crossbar 12.30 News 12.34 Sports Stadium 6.00 Once Upon a Time...the Americas 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Lawrence Collection Then and Now 7.05 The Trials of Life 8.00 News 8.05 Salute to Hollywood: Film: Mr Deeds Goes to Town 10.05 Bryden Thomson — Portrait of a Conductor 11.05 Film: Silver Dream Racer 1.05am Close

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Maths Access — Countdown to Angles
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Spohr (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor, Op 57: Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, with Karl Leister, clarinet)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Berlioz (Rêverie and Caprice, Op 8: Orpheus Chamber Ensemble, with Guillermo Figueroa, violin); Parry (Symphony No 5 in B minor: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Matthias Bamert); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 6 in E flat: London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople)
8.30 News
8.35 Philip Martin: The pianist plays Richard Rodney Bennett (Noctuary, Variations on a Theme of Scott Joplin), Brian Chapple (Trees Revisited); Philip Martin (Masquerade No 2); Oliver Knussen (Sonya's Lullaby, Op 16) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review, with Anthony Burton. Record Review — Building a Library: Paul Banks on Franck's Piano Quintet; and Jonathan Swain reviews new Romantic orchestral records. 10.40 Record Release: Handel (Concerto a due cori No 1 in B flat: The English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D minor, Op 31 No 2, Tempest: Steven Lubin, fortepiano); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Franz Brüggen); Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34: András Schiff, Takács String Quartet); Arensky (Suite No 2, Silhouettes: Danish National RSO under Neeme Järvi)
12.55pm Words: The actor Hugh Walters with the first of four reflections on language and its usage
1.00 News
1.05 Beethoven and Bartók: Sylvia Rosenberg, violin, Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Beethoven (Sonata in A minor, Op 23); Bartók (Sonata No 1)
2.10 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Sibelius (Prelude, The Tempest); John Hearne (Trumpet Concerto — first performance: Nigel Boddice); Lutoslawski (Piano Concerto: Paul Crossley); Sibelius (Symphony No 7)
3.30 French Baroque Music: The Purcell Quartet performs Leclair (Trio Sonata in A, Op 4 No 6; Trio Sonata in G minor, Op 4 No 5) (r)
4.00 Tuning Up: Chris de Souza talks to the pianist Julian Joseph and to the saxophonist Peter King. With music recorded at the 1991 Outside In Festival at Crawley
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook reviews Alan Bennett's *The Madness of George III* at the Lyttelton Theatre; the new three-part television adaptation of Samuel Richardson's *Clarissa*; and the Palaces of Art exhibition at the Dulwich Picture Gallery in London. With items on building a library, and the enduring appeal of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
6.30 Cello and Piano: Timothy Hugh, cello, Yonty Solomon, piano, perform Prokofiev (Sonata in C, Op 119), Glazunov (Chant du ménéstrel, Op 71); Fauré (Sonata No 2 in G minor, Op 117) (r)
7.30 Simon Boccanegra
● CHOICE: Solti in the orchestra pit, Kiri Te Kanawa, Alexandru Agache, and Mark Beesley on stage. The best seats in the house, yet nothing to pay. And we hear it not on record but as it happens. This live transmission of Verdi's opera from Covent Garden is the kind of radio occasion that must make television schedule planners grind their teeth. Act 1 and Prologue at 7.30, and Acts 2 and 3 at 9.15, with an interval feature at 8.50, in which Joe Farrell meets the new generation of Italian storytellers
10.30 The 1991 Reith Lectures: The Language of the Genes. The third of six talks by Dr Steve Jones on the new biological insight into humanity (r)
11.00 Gwendolyn Mok: The pianist plays Pescetti (Sonata in C minor); Debussy (Etude pour les arpèges composées); Dutilleux (Jeux de contraires); Schumann (Kreisleriana) (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.55** Weather **8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce visits some of the great building sites of Europe: the Channel Tunnel and EuroDisney
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin and guests
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Peter Jenkins
11.30 Europhile: Stephen Jessel presents the European news magazine
12.00 Money Box: Financial advice with Heather Payton
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the comedy panel game (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Bedlington, Northumberland by Virginia Bottomley, MP, health minister; Simon Hughes, MP, Liberal Democrat environment spokesman; Tom Sawyer, deputy general secretary of Nupe; and Mary Kenny, author and journalist (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Ring Jonathan Dimbleby with your views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Black Bartlemy's Treasure. Michael Bartlett's dramatisation of Jeffrey Farnol's swashbuckling novel. With Steven Pacey, Julia Swift, Sean Barrett (s)
4.00 News; Age to Age: Shireen Shad hears about museums for peace and considers the need for one in Britain; and John Miller examines the controversy surrounding the proposed London statue to Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, who planned the destruction of Dresden during the second world war
4.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans
5.00 Living With the Legend. The Lacemaker's Daughter
● CHOICE: Can the tap of love ever have been turned off more cruelly than when the Prince of Wales terminated his 17-year-affair with Freda Dudley Ward in 1934? Not according to Roger Wilkes's account of the relationship between the king-in-waiting and the lacemaker's daughter. Granted, no man can keep on writing six letters a day to his beloved as he did when the fires of passion were burning at their hottest, but there must have been a more sensitive way to end an affair than to announce, through a palace switchboard operator, that her phone calls were no longer welcome
5.25 Tea Junction: Topical discussion show in which Patrick Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (s) (r)
6.50 Stop the Week (s)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: The Leaf and the Fig. Paul Allen tastes the fruit of the fig tree in art and literature (s)
7.50 Classic Serial: Jamaica Inn. Second of a four-part dramatisation of Daphne du Maurier's novel (s)
8.50 Conversation Piece: Eric Wilkes, emeritus professor of community care and general practice at Sheffield University (r)
9.20 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: Andrew Marr chairs a discussion (s)
10.45 As Others See Us: Jane Walmsley, the American broadcaster, attempts to explain the different attitudes towards health and diet held by Britons and Americans (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with pianist Emanuel Ax and cellist Yo Yo Ma (s) (r)
11.30 Dear Diary: Simon Brett reads diary extracts (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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BBC 1

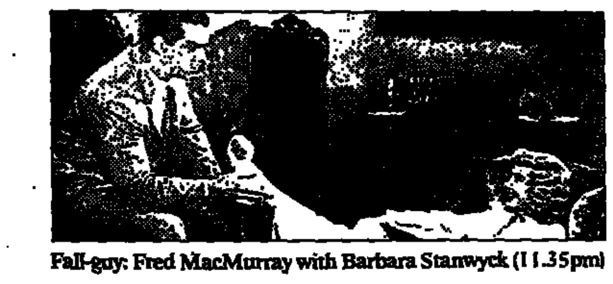
8.40 The Pennine Challenge. The third of four programmes following the fortunes of four young people walking the 270-mile long Pennine Way (r)
9.10 News and weather
9.15 The Promise of His Glory. The first of four Advent services from East Anglia comes from Ely Cathedral
10.00 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired. Wales: Mosaic **10.30 Deutsch Direkt** (r). Wales: Skillshop **10.55 Fast Feasts.** Tandoori chicken salad
11.00 The Training Hour beginning with **Mosaic.** The second of a three-part series on equal opportunities. Wales (to 12.30): See You Sunday **11.30 Skillshop.** Advice on jobs and training (s)
12.00 Through the Looking Glass. Programme four of a six-part history of dress. This week how Dior's "new look" of 1947 restarted the fashion cycle (r). (Ceefax)
12.30 Country File. Rural concerns presented by John Craven. Wales: Farming in Wales **12.55 Weather**
1.00 News followed by **On the Record.** Conservative party chairman Chris Patten talks to Jonathan Dimbleby about John Major's leadership
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s)
3.00 Snooker. Live coverage of the third session of the final of the UK professional championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston
4.30 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon
4.40 Dad's Army. *An extended* episode of David Croft's and Jimmy Perry's peerless comedy about the ancient warriors of Warmington on Sea Home Guard. Corporal Jones falls in love *and decides* to get married. Starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn (r)
5.20 The Clothes Show *with* Jeff Banks, Selina Scott and Caryn Franklin. Includes the result of the *Bride of the Year competition* (s)
5.45 Merlin of the Crystal Cave. Episode three of the fantasy drama based on the Arthurian legend. Young Merlin is increasingly threatened by his uncle, Camlach, who is now king of south Wales, and decides to run away. Starring George Winter, Robert Powell and Trevor Peacock. (Ceefax) (s)
6.15 Tomorrow — the World. Series designed to develop self-confidence (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise for Advent Sunday. A candlelit celebration from Bath Abbey (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 You Rang, M'Lord? Solidly crafted upstairs, downstairs comedy starring Paul Shane, *Jeffrey Holland and Su Pollard. Lord Meldrum* is hoping to become a governor of the BBC. Told that he would have a good chance if he acquainted himself with the "man in the street" *he decides* to invite some of his factory workers to dinner at his house. (Ceefax) (s)
8.05 Snooker. The last session of the final of the UK professional championship, presented by David Vine
8.55 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather

Russian espionage: Hamnett, Auberjonois, Jennings (9.10pm)

9.10 Ashenden. First world war adventures of a British spy, based on the books by W. Somerset Maugham. So far the series has demonstrated more style than substance, with the stories too thin to justify the length. In this episode Ashenden (Alex Jennings) is *sent to Petrograd to help the faltering Kerensky government and* keep Russia in the war on the side of the Allies. With Rene Auberjonois and Susanna Hamnett. (Ceefax) (s)
10.05 Snooker. Further coverage of the final of the UK professional championship
10.40 Everyman: *The People's Opium?* *An investigation* into the resurgence of religion in the Soviet Union after 70 years of suppression of the Christian faith. The result is a strange mix of the modish and the traditional (Ceefax)
11.20 Birthrights. Series on culture *and identity viewed from a* black *perspective (r)*
11.50 Mahabharat (r)
12.30am Weather

BBC 2

7.25 But First This on 2. *Children's programmes*
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes. Northern Ireland: Dul Sa Duirs 12.15 In the Garden; Wales: See Hear!
12.30 Film: Pardners (1956) starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Flat *musical spoof* of Bing Crosby's 1936 western *Rhythm on the Range.* Directed by Norman Taurog
2.00 Murray Perahia's Mozart. The soloist and conductor discusses his interpretations of Mozart's piano concertos with Sir Denis Forman. The programme includes a performance of Mozart's piano concerto No *27* in *B* flat major (K595) (s)
3.00 Film: Operation Petticoat (1959) *starring* Cary Grant and Tony Curtis. Likeable but patchy comedy about the South Sea *exploits* of the crew of a damaged submarine with an unlikely surplus of passengers in the shape of a goat, some nurses and an expectant mother. Directed by Blake Edwards **4.55 Animation Now**
5.05 *Rugby Special.* *Action* from the third *round* of the Pilkington Cup, introduced by Chris Rea. Northern Ireland: Insurance Corporation league action; Wales: Newport v Llanelli, Swansea v Bridgend
6.05 Travel Show Guides to Spain's Costa de la Luz
6.35 The Money Programme: The Billion Dollar Battle for the Talking Filofax. *A chance to see computer wizardry that will* become commonplace during the coming decade
7.15 The Natural World: Arctic Wanderers. A documentary about the thousands of caribou that set out each spring for their Arctic *calving grounds*
8.05 The Dream Machine. The third in the series of five programmes about the origins of computers
8.55 Did You See . . ? *Aids Update '91, Stanley and the Women* and *A Question of Sport are discussed* by David Puttnam, *Claire Rayner* and the editor of *Punch*, David Thomas
9.25 Not Mozart: Wam! Limited. The last in the series of imaginative collaborations marking Mozart's bicentennial year. Starring Timothy Spall as *Mozart in the guise of a computer tycoon*
9.55 Little England: The Beach Hut.
● CHOICE: Philippa Lowthorpe's charming film cheats just a little. It is not so much about the beach hut as such as a portrait of *Margaret Orbell. She is a Suffolk woman in her eighties for whom* the hut is a part of life, a private piece of England. In contrast to the fresh, neat rows of huts across the river at Southwold, Margaret's has *peeling paint, a leaking roof and looks as if a gust of wind would demolish it. But it is a home from home. Whatever the* weather Margaret goes there every day, to gaze out to sea and rule over the small plot of land bequeathed by her father. At 45p a night, it must be one of the cheapest camp sites in the country. The hut is full *of memories*, about *which Margaret prefers to be* discreet. The film tries to fill the gap. It takes us back in time to a young woman in a cloche hat, furtively leading her young man along the beach and towards the one place where their courting *will not be interrupted. (Ceefax)*
10.05 Facing Up to Aids. Three young inmates in Edinburgh's Saughton Prison, all HIV positive, tell their personal stories. Wales: Bafta Cymru 11.05 Facing Up to Aids
10.45 André's Mother (1990) *starring* Richard Thomas and Sada Thompson. To mark World Aids Day, an Emmy award-winning drama about a mother coming to terms with her son's death from Aids. Directed by Deborah Reinisch


Fall-guy: Fred MacMurray with Barbara Stanwyck (11.35pm)

11.35 Film: Double Indemnity (1944, b/w).
● CHOICE: Billy Wilder's famous black thriller is being shown as a tribute to the late Fred MacMurray and is a reminder that there was more to the actor than the *bland, easy-going character which he played in the great majority* of his films. Here he is the archetypal 1940s fall-guy, the weak man brought down by a scheming woman. Since she is played by the queen of *femmes fatales*, Barbara Stanwyck, MacMurray's disintegration is *pitiful* to behold. *MacMurray is the pawn in Stanwyck's scheme* to murder her husband and collect the insurance money. Edward G. Robinson completes a trio of fine performances as MacMurray's boss. Written by Wilder and Raymond Chandler and based on the book by James M. Cain, *Double Indemnity has crackling dialogue and* a *relentless narrative drive.* There have been many imitations, but even the much-lauded *Body Heat* does not come within a mile of it. Wales: 11.45-12.35am Film: André's Mother
1.20am Rapido (r). Ends at **1.55**

ITV

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Disney Club. Young people's entertainment
10.45 Link: Breaking Barriers. The first of a two-part *film made for the* United Nations' Decade of Action to help educate the public about disability
11.00 Morning Worship. An Advent Sunday communion service from St Peter and St Paul Church, Aylesford, Kent
12.00 The Human Factor: The Ship That Heals. *Rosemary* Harthill reports on the Greek passenger liner, Anastasis, which travels the world responding to disasters and crises. (Oracle)
12.30 LWT News Weekend presented by Anna Maria Ashe and Ed Boyle **12.55 LWT Weather**
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. *Weather*
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews the chancellor of the exchequer Norman Lamont (s)
2.05 Cartoon Time 2.15 Batman. The cult 1960s adventure series *starring Adam West in the title role*
2.45 The Match: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur. *Elton Welsby* introduces live coverage of the north London derby at Highbury. The commentator is Brian Moore (s)
5.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz (s)
5.30 Dinosaurs. *Animated puppet series (s)*
6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy are in East Anglia on the trail of hedgehogs and Angora goats (s)
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 Highway. *Sir Harry Secombe visits Scotland's Royal Burgh of* Dornoch. (Oracle)
7.15 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle plans another series of practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public
7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries. *The concluding* part *of Means of Evil.* Was Hannah Kingman's death suicide while suffering from depression? Trust the reliable Wexford (George Baker) to come up with the answer. (Oracle)

A traumatic rescue bid: Blackwall's fire fighters (8.45pm)

8.45 London's Burning.
● CHOICE: The fire brigade drama ends its fourth series on a high *note, suggesting there may be yet more life in a project which* began back in 1986 as a single play by Jack Rosenthal. Over the years the show has been entrusted to a variety of writers and *Rosenthal's quirky humour is less in evidence, though it lives on in the fireman who exasperates his mates by thinking he can sing like* Tom Jones. Tonight's episode combines suspense and human interest in roughly equal doses as it picks up on last week's warehouse fire and the search for the firemen trapped in the *rubble. A pushy journalist intruding into private grief provides a* swipe at the press and Anita Bronson's script reserves its sympathy for the fire fighters and their families as they try to bounce back after an intense trauma. Given its pace and polish *it is no surprise that London's Burning is the most popular television* drama outside the soaps. (Oracle)
9.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
10.05 Spitting Image. More satire from the latex puppets
10.35 Aids — What Do We Tell Our Children?. *The first of a number of* special programmes being shown to mark World Aids Day explores the social, ethical and legal issues presented by the disease that has no cure. (Oracle) (s)
11.35 Film: The Ryan White Story (1989) *starring* Judith Light, Lukas Haas and George C. Scott. A potent TV movie about a 13-year-old haemophiliac boy who contracts Aids through a blood transfusion and his family's fight against small-town American prejudice. Directed by John Herzfeld
1.25am The Terrence Higgins Trust Concert — Life Serenaids, introduced by Janice Long and Paul Gambaccini. Among those appearing at London's Brixton Academy are Marc Almond, Mica Paris and Boy George (r) (s)
2.50 Film: The Littlest Victims (1989) *starring Tim Matheson. A made-for-television medical drama about a paediatrician at a New Jersey* hospital who becomes concerned about the number of small children with impaired immune systems. Directed by Peter Levin
4.35 The Chart Show *(r) (s)*
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle.** For the under-fives **7.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Animated adventures of a musical duck **8.00 The Wild Bunch.** A new series *featuring feline puppets. The* token human is French singer Dorothee **8.30 Star Street.** Celestial adventures **8.55 New Kids on the Block — On Tour** Animated adventures of the singing group
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. *Action* drama from India. In Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. Includes an interview with Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman, on mortgage repossessions
10.50 Dennis. *Animated adventures of a mischievous boy and his* friends
11.10 Round the Bend. A mixture of puppets, cartoons and guests (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w) starring John Hart. This week the masked goodie helps an heiress who is being swindled out of her money
12.00 Little House on the Prairie. *Family drama serial about the Ingalls,* struggling to make a living off the Kansas plains. Based on the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder
1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Classic underwater science fiction drama series
2.00 Film: The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) *starring Marilyn* Monroe, Laurence Olivier and Sybil Thorndyke. Stodgy comedy about a Ruritanian prince, in London for the coronation of King George V, who *falls* for the charms of an American chorus girl. Directed by Laurence Olivier
4.15 A Tribute to Dame Peggy Ashcroft. Highlights from the special memorial concert held this week at Westminster Abbey for the life and work of the late Dame Peggy Ashcroft. With contributions from Sir John Gielgud, Dame Judi Dench, Sir Peter Hall, Peter O'Toole and Harold Pinter
4.55 News and weather
5.00 Jim Henson's Greek Myths. The first of a four-part series bringing to life mythical deeds of ancient Greece. With Michael Gambon, David Morrisey and Maggie O'Neill (r). (Teletext) (s)
5.30 Family Pride. Soap about three Asian families living in the Birmingham area (s)
6.00 Press Gang. Children's drama serial about the reporters of a school newspaper
6.30 The Cosby Show. Award-winning American domestic comedy series, starring Bill Cosby

Staking his reputation: the architect Ted Cullinan (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: A Setting for St Paul's.
● CHOICE: Four years ago the Prince of Wales lamented that St Paul's Cathedral had been surrounded by "an arid desert of *godforsaken buildings*". His attack *was particularly directed* at Paternoster Square. This *Equinox* film is about the no less contentious issue of what should happen south of the cathedral Petershill, covered by office blocks only in the 1960s, is already up for redevelopment. The programme follows a year of negotiation, *argument and eventual stalemate as the parties try to come up* with something better. There are many interests at stake. The developers want to make money. The architect, no doubt, wants to enhance his reputation. The City of London Corporation wants to *improve* the environs of the cathedral. In the end the discussions get hopelessly bogged down over, of all things, whether there should be a new underground park for tourist coaches. (Teletext)
8.00 Whicker Way Out West. A repeat of Alan Whicker's 1973 *exploration of the odd side to California life tonight meets tiny tot* motorbike riders
8.30 American Football. The main game is New York Jets at the Buffalo Bills, plus the Green Bay Packers at the Atlanta Falcons
10.00 Film: Somebody Up There Likes Me (1956, b/w). The *Rebels With a Cause* season continues with this powerful biopic of middleweight boxing champion Rocky Graziano, played by Paul Newman. With Pier Angeli and Sal Mineo. Directed by Robert Wise
12.05am Film: Laada (1990). *An African drama about the conflict* between old tribal traditions and the modern world. A Burkina Faso film with English subtitles. Directed by Drissa Toure. Ends at **1.40**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Goals Sunday 2.00-2.45 Wheels Special 5.00 Dinosaurs 5.30-6.00 Bullseye

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Katts and Dog 2.30-2.45 Cartoon Time *5.00 Scotsport* 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 10.35 Film: The Ryan White Story 12.20am-1.20 Aids — What Do We Tell our Children? 2.50 Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00-2.45 The Spectacular World *of Guinness Records* 6.00-6.30 The Earth Dwellers Guide

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 10.45am Interbang 11.15 Sunday *Service 11.45-12.00* Link 12.30-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 2.00 Coronation Street 3.00 The Silk Road 4.00 *Animal Country* 4.30 Bullseye 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Scotland's Larder 10.35 Film — The Ryan White Story (Judith Light, *George C. Scott*) 12.20am-1.20 Aids — What Do We Tell Our Children? 2.50 Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25pm Granada This Week 12.50-1.00 Aap Kaa Hak 2.00 Cartoon Time 2.10-2.45 Taylor and McMenemy 5.30-6.00 Coronation Street 2.50am Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30-2.45 Planning the Small Garden

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Entertainers 2.00-2.30 Farming

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.00 *Steve Looks Back* 2.30-2.45 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 5.30-6.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles 10.35 *Film: The Ryan White Story* 12.20am-1.20 Aids — What Do We Tell Our Children? 2.50 Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-*5.30 The ITV Chart Show*

TVS
As London except: 12.30pm *TVS News followed by Agenda* 2.00 Katts and Dog 2.30-2.45 Cartoon 10.35 The Human Factor 11.05 An Invitation to *Remember (Hayley Mills)* 4.35am-5.30 Aids — What Do We Tell Our Children?

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 *Windsurf* 2.00 On a Wing and a Prayer 2.15-2.45 The Back Page 10.35 Film: The Ryan White Story 12.20am-1.20 *Aids — What Do We Tell Our* Children? 2.50 Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

ULSTER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening *Time 2.00 Cartoon Time 2.15-2.45 The* River Thames 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 10.35 Film: The Ryan White Story 12.20am-*1.20 Aids — What Do We Tell Our Children?* 2.50 Quiz Night 3.20 Film: River Beat 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday *12.50-1.00 Calendar News* 2.00 Cartoon 2.15-2.45 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.00 Dinosaurs 5.30 *Animal Country* 6.00-6.30 *Bullseye* 4.35am-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 The Wild Bunch *8.30 Star Street* 8.55 New Kids on the Block — On Tour 9.25 Willo the Wisp 9.30 If Wishes Were Horses *10.00* A Week in Politics 10.50 A Voyage To The Bottom of the Sea 11.45 The Further *Adventures of the Ugly Duckling 12.00* Little House on the *Prairie* 12.55 Now You're Talking! 1.45 Bwrw 'Mlaen 2.15 San Steffan 2.35 Equinox: Human Waste 3.25 Film: It *Happened in Brooklyn* 5.30 *Pobol* Y Cwm 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Seith Ar Y Sul 7.25 Bwrw'r Sul 8.10 Hel Straeon 8.40 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.10 Anest 5 10.10 Ffiniau 10.40 Snwcer 11.10 American Football 91-92 12.40 Whicker Way Out West 1.10 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: *10.35am Deutsch Direkt!* 11.00 Viaje Al Espanol 11.15 Mass 12.00 The Human Jigsaw 12.25 Trading Places 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.15 News followed by Booklines 2.50 The March of Time *3.15 Life Goes On 4.10 Disney* Cartoon 4.15 Film: Tarzan in Manhattan 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.30 *Scaoil Amach An Bobailín* 7.00 The Cosby Show 7.25 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 An Eye on the Music 10.15 The Darling Buds of May 11.15 My Life and Times 11.40 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.55am Sesame Street 11.00 David the Gnome 11.30 The Beat Box 1.30 Head to Toe 2.00 The Big Race from Fairyhouse *4.00 Festival 4.50 Mozart Gala 5.55* Fair City 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Northern Exposure 7.55 News 8.00 Carrolls RTE *Proms 9.00 Inspector Morse* 10.55-11.45 Sports Special

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 *Fun Factory* 11.00 *Hour of Power* 12.00 Sable' 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Eight is Enough 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Hey Dad 5.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street *8.00* Shaka Zulu: Episode four of a five-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight *12.00 Downtown 1.00am Pages* from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline *10.30 Those Were The Days* 11.00 Dayline 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm *Financial Times* Business Weekly *1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report* 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 12.30am *Target 1.30 Financial* Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were The Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health *Circuit*

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Sunrise, *incl 7.40 Entertainment* Tonight
8.00 Club Med (1986) The amorous *adventures of five holidaymakers*
10.00 Flash Gordon (1980) Humorous adaptation of the comic strip. Starring Sam Jones and Melody Anderson
12.00 California Girls (1985) A young man *has an affair with the woman of his dreams*
2.00pm Dakota (1989) Runaway teenager Lou Diamond Phillips becomes a ranch hand
3.35 George and the Star: Cartoon about a man who attempts to steal a celestial star to put on top of his *Christmas tree*
4.05 A Christmas Story (1983) A boy (Peter Billingsley) tries to persuade his parents to *buy him a toy gun for Christmas*
6.00 Little Monsters (1989): A boy (Fred Savage) befriends a fun-loving monster (Howie Mandel)
7.40 Projector
8.00 Pretty Woman (1990) *Prostitute* Julia Roberts escorts millionaire Richard Gere around town
10.00 Working Girl (1988): An ambitious secretary (Melanie Griffith) poses as a high-*flying executive*
11.55 Look Who's Talking (1989): Cab driver John Travolta babysits for unmarried *mother Kirstie Alley*
1.30am Heart (1987) A boxer (Brad Davis) returns to the ring
3.00 Alone in the T-Shirt Zone (1986): A young man manufactures unique T-shirts
4.20 Brutal Glory (1989): True drama about a champion boxer, known as "The Real McCoy", who fought out of New York in *1918 Ends at 5.55*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Tap (1989): *Tap dancer* Gregory Hines develops his art alongside Sammy Davis Jr
8.15 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Cartoon
10.15 The New Adventures of *Pippi Longstocking* (1988). Based on Astrid Lindgren's children's books
12.15pm The Garbage *Pail Kids' Movie* (1987) Children's comedy based on the characters from the bubble-gum card series
2.15 *18 Again (1988): An 81-year-old man* and his 18-year-old grandson swap bodies
4.00 Close Encounters of the third Kind — *The Special Edition* (1977) Steven Spielberg's science fiction classic. Starring Richard Dreyfuss
6.15 Prancer (1989) A young girl nurses an injured reindeer, which she thinks belongs to *Father Christmas*
8.15 Like Father, Like Son (1987): A father and son accidentally swap bodies
10.05 Bull Durham (1988): A baseball groupie (Susan Sarandon) has to choose between rookie Tim *Robbins and veteran* Kevin Costner
11.55 Apocalypse Now (1979): Francis *Ford Coppola's harrowing* Vietnam war drama. Starring Martin Sheen
2.30am One Woman or Two (1985): An advertising executive (Sigourney Weaver) and a paleontologist (Gérard Depardieu) fall *in love as they argue over how to use the* fossil of the very first Frenchwoman
4.10 Gorgo (1961) A prehistoric monster follows its captured offspring to London. Ends at 5.30

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● *Via the Astra satellite.*
4.00pm Film: The Cracksman (1963) starring Charlie Drake 6.00 Car 54, *Where Are You?* 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 In Living Color 7.30 The Goodies 8.00 Carry on Laughing 8.30 *The Comedy Company* 9.30 The Sunday Comics 10.30 Moonlighting 11.30 The Burns and Allen Show

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30 Aerobics 7.00 Fishing the West 7.30 *World of Adventure 8.30 Assignment Adventure* 9.30 World Professional Figure Skating 1985 11.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling *1.00pm Italian Football Classics* 3.00 Inside Tennis 4.00 World Cup Rhythmic Gymnastics 5.00 Red Line 6.00 British Rugby League: Wakefield v Warrington 8.00 Scottish League Football 10.00 Italian League *Football 12.00 British Rugby* League Wakefield v Warrington

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Trans World Sport 9.00 Skiing World Cup: Ladies' Slalom; WTA Ladies' Tennis Magazine; *Boxing; Skiing World Cup:* Ladies' Slalom. Tennis: Davis Cup Final — France v USA; RAC Rally World Championship; *Skiing World Cup: Men's and Women's* Slalom 9.00 Davis Cup Tennis 11.00 Boxing

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Ladies Pro Bowlers 8.00 Formula One Grand Prix Films 8.30 Horse Sport 9.00 *Golf 10.00 American College Football* 12.00 Le Lion d'Angers 1.00pm Matchroom Pro Box 3.00 Brother Cup Rhythmic Gymnastic *Championship* 4.00 Golf 5.00 Winter Sportscast — Olympics '92 5.30 Revs 6.00 Formula One Grand Prix *Films 6.30* FIA European Rallycross Championship 8.00 Fuji Film Super Tennis 9.30 Copa America 1991 *11.30 NBA Basketball*

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Ensign O'Toole 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 White Shadow 1.55 Power Hits USA 2.50 Spain Spain International *Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Great* American Gameshows 5.30 Fashion File 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox.

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Morning Concert. Offenbach *(Overture, Die Rheinnixen:* Gulbenkian Orchestra under Swierczewski), Reger (Ballet suite, Op 130: Bavarian RSO under Colin Davis) **7.30** News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Weber (Overture, Der Freishütz: Philharmonia under Sawallisch); Castelnuovo-Tedesco (*Concerto No 2*, The Prophets. Los Angeles Philharmonic under Alfred Wallenstein, with Jascha Heifetz, violin); Dvořák (Slavonic Dances, Op 46 Nos 2 and 3: *Czech PO under* Neumann) **8.30** News
8.35 Mozart Masses. In the last of seven programmes, soloists; Istvan Ella, organ; Jeunesses Musicales, Budapest PO under Fischer perform Missa brevis in F, K 192
9.05 Moura Lympany. In the last of six programmes, the pianist plays Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor: with LPO under Jean Martinon), Debussy (Reflets dans l'eau, Images, Book 1); Ravel (*Jeux d'eau*); Franck (Symphonic Variations: with LPO under Silvestri)
10.30 Music Weekly, with Peter Paul Nash
10.45 A Dutch Retrospect: Mozart — the Apotheosis of His Art as a Symphonist. In the ninth of 12 programmes, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnoncourt performs Symphony No 39 *in* E flat, K 543, Symphony No 40 in G minor, K 550, Busoni on the nature of Mozart's genius; Symphony No 41 in C, K 551, Jupiter
12.45pm Table Talk. Old, Mouldy and Rotten Right Through. Charles Perry prepares a midnight snack, suitable for a ninth-century sultan, using rotten barley
1.00pm News
1.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Guinery. Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley); Strauss (Oboe Concerto: Heinz Holliger, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra under Michael Gielen); Lalo (Scherzo in D minor: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Yondani Butt); Mozart (Exsultate jubilate, K 165: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with Emma Kirkby, soprano); MacMillan (Piano Sonata: Rolf Hind); *Sibelius* (Karelia Suite: Finnish RSO under Jukka-Pekka Saraste)
2.30 *Mozart's Violin Sonatas:* In the third of four concerts, the violinist György Pauk and *the pianist Peter Frankl* perform Sonata in F, K 377; Sonata in G, K 379. **3.20** Peter Barker *reads an extract from the new* edition of the *Letters of Dr Burney.* **3.25** Sonata in C, K 303; Sonata in E flat, K 481
4.10 Poet of the Month: The Soviet poet Andrei Voznesensky talks to the poet and translator Richard McKane
4.30 Ulster Orchestra under Colman Pearce performs Virgil Thomson (Fugues and Cantilenas); Barber (*Essay No 1, Op 12*); Walter Piston (Sinfonietta) (r)
5.15 Opera News, *with James* Naughtie
6.00 A Service for Advent with Carols: Live from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge
7.30 Sunday Play: *Amadeus*
● CHOICE: Peter Shaffer's justly renowned play about Mozart and Salieri, genius and mediocrity, and the perils of defying God to achieve immortality of any kind, is in stark contrast to practically everything else Radio 3 has put out *reverentially* during its Mozart bicentenary season. Shaffer's Mozart (Simon Callow) is *a smutty fellow* with a donkey bray. How glorious music ever came out of him does not *concern Shaffer.* It is the destructive impact of that music on Salieri (the magnificent *Paul Scofield*) with which *Amadeus* concerns itself. This Peter Hall production for the *National* Theatre was first heard eight years ago
9.45 BBC SO under Matthias Bamert performs Robert Saxton (In the Beginning); Barber (Piano Concerto, Op 38: Philip Martin); *Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)*
11.20 Messe en l'honneur du Saint-Sacrament by Joseph Jongen. Performed by the BBC Singers; London Brass under John Poole, with John Scott, organ
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** *Weather* **6.10** *Prelude* (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) **6.55** *Weather*
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Robert Forster breakfasts with Willie and Anne McKeever in Kent **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** *Weather* **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Pamela Armstrong speaks for *the Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Womankind, an organisation that works with women's groups in developing countries **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** *Sunday Papers*
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Princes Park Methodist Church and Community Centre in Toxteth
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus Edition
11.15 News Stand, with Andrew Rawnsley
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15 *Desert Island Discs:* Sue Lawley's castaway is the Bolton steeplejack Fred Dibnah (s) *12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Epworth and District Flower Club in South Humberside put their queries to the experts
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: *Flowers for Algernon.* Daniel Keyes's classic science fiction novel, in a dramatisation by Bert Coules. Tom Courtenay makes his radio debut as the backward *Charlie*, who is *offered* a miraculous cure for his low IQ (s) (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme (s)
4.00 News; *Analysis: A Pleasing Prospect?* Dieter Helm considers the best way to tackle pollution control *in Britain (r)*
4.47 Time for Verse: Rosita Boland and Philip Casey read poems *at the launch of their new* collections during the Galway Festival (s)
5.00 News; *Down Your Way:* Hugh Scully returns to Plymouth, where he began his career as a television presenter
5.40 Not What the Brochure Said: A Mint Tea Special. The third of *six bizarre and comic tales* by the traveller Barry Pilton. Read by Anton Rodgers **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Europhile *(r)*
7.00 The Root of the Matter: John Thirlwell reports on local *issues*
7.30 Bookshelf (r)
8.00 Down with Women
● *CHOICE*: "You're all a bunch of feminists!", yelled Marc Lepine as he burst into *the University of Montreal* on December 6, 1989, and, with his machine-gun, massacred *14 women students* before shooting himself dead. Noah Richler's reconstruction of the *mass murder*, which employs actors to read transcripts of court evidence and extracts from Richler's own interviews, looks for clues that could explain Lepine's *act of* madness more satisfactorily than his own simplistic statement — *made in a* document found on his body — that women were to blame for his *failed life* (s)
9.00 The Natural History Programme, with Jessica Holm (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 *News*
10.15 Requiem for Mozart: A Life in Letters and Music. The *second of a four-part* dramatised biography by Stanley Sadie (s) (r)
11.00 *In Committee:* Patrick Bartlett reviews the work of Parliament's select *committees*
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Faith in the Future. Martin Palmer introduces the second of five *programmes* about Christian involvement in shaping the future and asks, who pays for *wealth?* (s)
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day: The late evening office of *Compline* (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 Bruno and Liz 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the *Pops* Top 20 charts of 1967, 1976 and 1982 2.30 Phillip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Keeping Mrs Dawson Busy. Safe sex in the 1990s 7.30 Anne Nightingale 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 *John Peel* (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan. The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says *Good Morning Sunday* 9.05 Richard Baker with *Melodies* for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington. Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 They Don't Write Songs *Like That Anymore* 4.30 Sing Something Simple *(r) 5.00 Charlie Chester* 7.00 Black Magic 7.45 The Collins Collection 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme Mozart 200 Years On 12.05am *Ronnie Hilton. Sounds of the 1950s* (r) 1.00 Colin Berry *with Night Ride* 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm. 6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition *9.00 Johnnie Walker* with This Family Business 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 Nessie. James McClelland looks for the Loch Ness monster (r) 11.30 Europe on the Move. Religion, education and agriculture in 1992 (3 of 5) 12.05pm Ring a-Winner. *Tel 0345 909693* 1.40 Open University: Open Forum 2.00 Kitchen Cabinet (r) 2.30 Football Extra: Barclays League — Arsenal v Spurs 5.00 Sport. Mike's Secret Mike (r) 5.30 Black Museum 6.00 Sport. Talking Poetry: *Transport* 6.30 Great Expectations, by *Charles Dickens (9 of 12)* 7.00 Sports Bulletin 7.15 Euromix (r) 8.00 Paso Doble. Improve your Spanish 8.30 France Extra! Improve your French 9.00 Deutsch *Direkt!* German conversation 9.30 Dragnet: *Tall Dark and Handsome* 10.00 Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Review 4.40 Travel and *Weather News* 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 German Features 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe This Weekend 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 *24 Hours Live* 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Write On. 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Music with Matthew 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Review 9.15 Seeing Stars 9.30 The Best of British 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.01 Science in Action *10.30 In Praise of God* 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres *Midi* 11.45 *Mittagsmagazin* 11.59 Weather 12.01pm Play of the Week: Damaged Goods 1.00 Newshour 2.01 Colours 2.30 Anything Goes 3.00 News 3.15 The Mozart Years 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain *4.15 BBC English* 4.30 News in German *4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News* 5.00 News and Business Review 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.30 News in German 6.40 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News and Business Review *8.15 Londres Derniere* 8.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 Newshour *10.00 News* 10.05 Folk in Britain 10.20 Meridian 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 World Business Review 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 Colours 12.00 News 11.05 *sic* — Newsdesk 12.30am In Praise of *God* 1.01 *Conflicting Opinions* 1.45 Cole Porter Among *Friends* 2.00 *Newdesk* 2.30 Composer of the Month: Sergei Rachmaninov 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Anything Goes *4.00 Newsdesk*

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Army pulls out of bases in Zagreb

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

THE FEDERAL army withdrew from two military bases in Zagreb yesterday, abandoning its toehold in the Croatian capital and completing a key element in the ceasefire which is a precondition for the dispatch of UN peacekeeping troops to Yugoslavia.

Croatian guardsmen lifted their blockade of the main Marshal Tito base in the early hours to allow about 300 armoured vehicles and lorries to roll out of the base in the New Zagreb district of the city. A further 135 vehicles left the Kerestinec rocket base on the outskirts. Bystanders whistled and jeered as the vehicles thundered down the sealed-off stretch of motorway towards Karlovac. No sooner had the last lorry left than the Croatian flag was fluttering in place of the army colours.

The UN has said that international troops will be sent only if the truce holds, and the emptying of Zagreb's army bases was considered a particularly sensitive exercise. Cyrus Vance, the UN envoy, is due to arrive here at the weekend to discuss the practicalities of intervention. So far only Italy and Greece have confirmed their readiness to contribute troops to the effort.

The presence of the army in New Zagreb has turned the area into the capital's tensest district, with barricades erected amid the tower blocks. The apartment buildings overlooking the barracks have been severely damaged in gun battles between Croatian guardsmen and federal soldiers in recent weeks, and the grassy areas around them are heavily mined.

Franjo Tudjman, Croatia's president, said on Thursday night that he was prepared to accept peacekeeping forces stationed inside the breakaway *republic's* borders, a substantial shift of ground from his earlier position that a deployment would be acceptable only along the official border with Serbia. Zagreb is now desperate for a deal to save its remaining ground from being overrun.

Although the government here is taking pains not to admit it, this would mean accepting the medium-term loss of areas conquered by the army with no guarantees as to when, or even if, historic towns such as Vukovar and Kostajnica would be returned to it. President Tudjman yesterday said the army would have to withdraw entirely from the republic as a condition of intervention. Yet he knows that the federal forces will not budge from the areas they have captured.

Five life sentences

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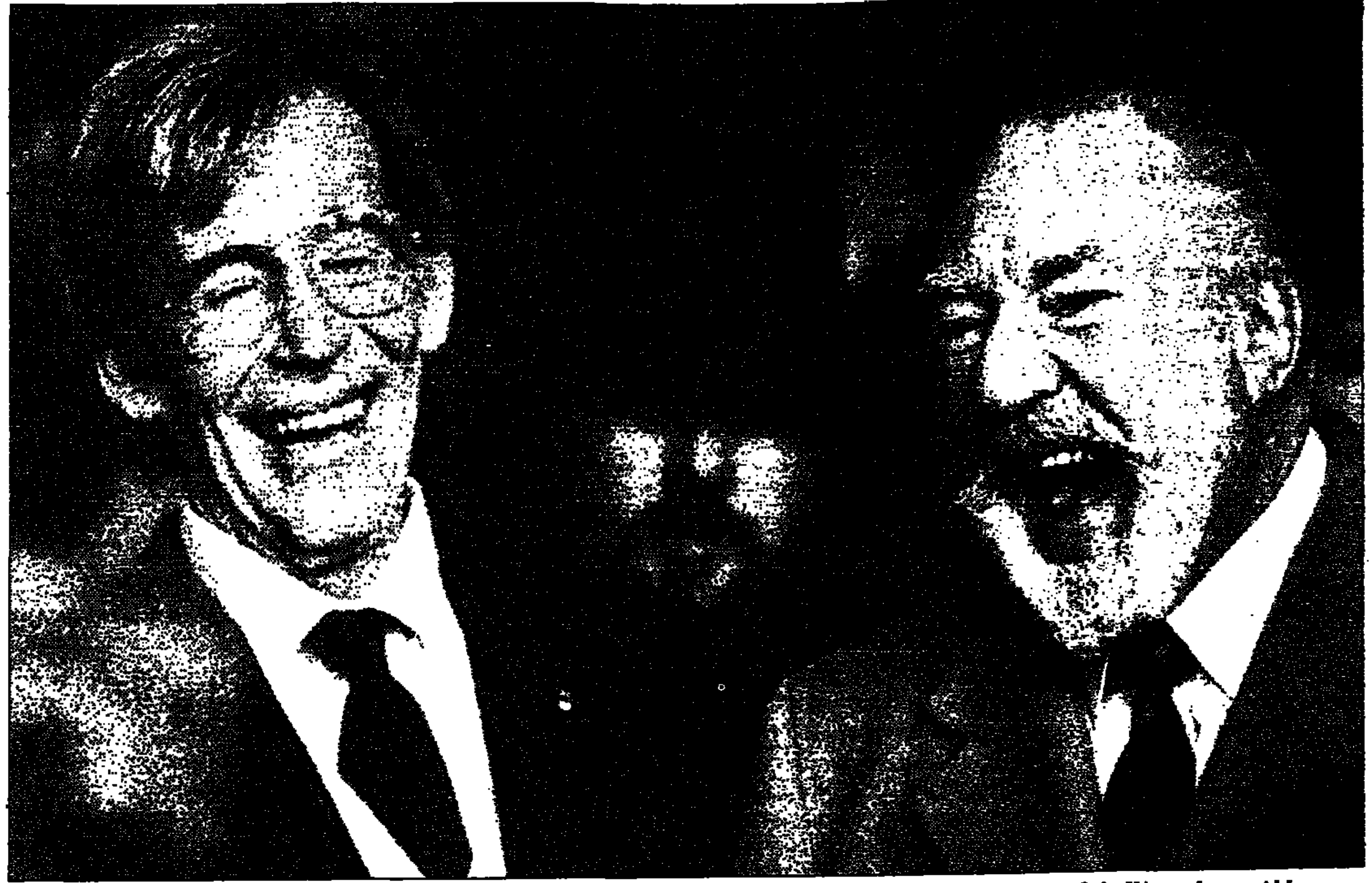
ice Jowitt sentenced Beck after the jury considered its verdicts against him and two co-defendants for five days. Beck was acquitted of 14 charges, but jurors were not told he faced two further trials involving another 33 serious charges, which will now lie on the file. Beck had denied the charges, but offered no mitigation.

Peter Jaynes, aged 42, Beck's former deputy, of Chatham, Kent, was sentenced to a total of three years in prison on two charges of indecent assault and a common assault. George Lincoln, aged 39, of Sudbury, Suffolk, a former residential social worker with Beck, was conditionally discharged for a year for common assault.

The Beck affair stunned Leicestershire social services when the scale of his abuse became apparent during a police enquiry in 1990, four years after he was allowed to resign after allegations of child molestation.

Errors of judgment, page 3

CHRIS HARRIS



Merry memories: Peter O'Toole and Frank Middlemass at the memorial service for Dame Peggy Ashcroft in Westminster Abbey

UK beats 48-hour week

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ter proposals, admitted: "We still have four or five major problems with the proposals. We're certainly not going to push for this directive 100 per cent now; we think the problems will have to be worked out, and then possibly we can agree."

The Commission wants to avoid repetitions of the Michelin experience in Belgium, where the French tyre maker closed its entire operation without even telling the local management. But most member states have problems with aspects of the plan, which is also opposed by the European employers' federation, Unice.

One directive that ministers probably will pass into EC law aims to harmonise safety signs in workplaces throughout the Community. There is already considerable harmonisation between EC member states on signs for poisons and other hazards.

Meanwhile, the prime minister will embark tomorrow on the last lap of the road to Maarstricht with a hectic round of shuttle diplomacy aimed at curbing the enthusiasm of his European Community partners for political union and safeguarding British gains on economic and monetary union.

He will begin by flying to The Hague for talks with Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister and current EC president. But the most important meeting will come on Monday when he hosts a working lunch for President Mitterrand at Downing Street.

On a visit to Oxford yesterday, Mr Major said it was "clearly desirable" to reach agreement at the summit in nine days' time.

In an interview with BBC television, he made his first direct response to Margaret Thatcher's charge that he was arrogant and wrong to refuse a referendum on the outcome of the summit. "I don't believe it is . . . There has been no occasion when any Conservative leader in government has supported a referendum."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, who flies to Brussels on Monday for a two-day meeting of foreign ministers, also sought to prepare the ground for an agreement.

"The Community has in its grasp the prospect of agreement on a substantial package, even if it falls short of the ambitions of some. The success of the EC is central to Britain's own success and prosperity," he told Conservatives in Darlington, Co Durham.

Kohl's unity river, page 9

Farewell fit for first lady of the stage

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

A GLITTERING company of players gathered in Westminster Abbey yesterday to commemorate the life and work of Dame Peggy Ashcroft in words, music and prayer, before a congregation of 2,000 that included Prince Edward.

In its poignancy, sublime performances and sense of drama, it was a thanksgiving service worthy of the first lady of the British stage. Sir Peter Hall said in his address that Dame Peggy, who died in June, aged 83, would have been embarrassed by the fuss. "But she would, I know, be moved," he said.

Harold Pinter spoke of her commitment to human rights and campaigns on behalf of the oppressed in countries such as Chile. "Human dignity to her was not an empty phrase," he said. "She fought not only out of anger but out of grief. She grieved over man's inhumanity to man."

Dylan Thomas's powerful hymn to unconquerable life, *And Death Shall Have No Dominion*, was read by Janet Suzman, and Julian Bream, the guitarist, played music which he had performed at poetry readings with Dame Peggy.

The service closed with two Shakespearean passages read by Sir John Gielgud, her long-time stage partner, who bade farewell, as Charmian did in *Antony and Cleopatra*, to "a lass unparallel'd".

Memorial service, page 14

Father appeals to suspect

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east London, joined the police in 1969 and is the second officer to die on duty this year. In the past ten years, 26 officers have now been killed on the British mainland.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said that he was appalled by the killing. "His death is all too tragic a reminder of the dangers police officers face daily as they protect us on the streets."

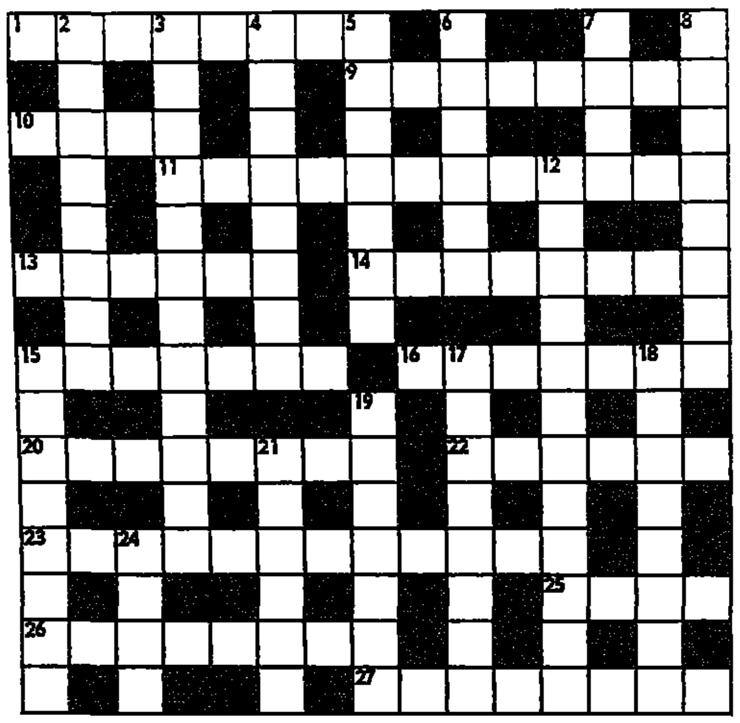
Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, told a press conference at Scotland Yard that, only a day earlier, he had "almost incidentally" paid tribute to the everyday courage and dedication of his officers in comments on the freeing this week of the three men convicted for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock in 1985. He said: "Little did any of us think that we would be here today in such tragic circumstances, but it illustrates with an awful clarity what society expects of our officers."

Yesterday, Mr King's wife, Monica, visited the scene, flanked by her brother and a police officer. She wept openly and had to be supported back to the car.

Sir Peter visited Higham Hill Road shortly afterwards and was still there when news of the fresh stabbings was released. He said that body armour for officers should be considered, adding: "In the light of the incidents we've witnessed over the last 24 hours, and indeed over these last few months, that must be a serious consideration."

King: second officer killed on duty this year

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,777



ACROSS

1 One or two birds of prey (5-3).
9 Unattractive combination of states I have formed (8).
10 As a fast runner, he's out on his own (4).
11 Does have accommodation in the rear (12).
13 Parisian I almost cast as priest (6).
14 Those in a newly liberated country (8).
15 Indians from Missouri — those on the warpath? (7).
16 Nothing amidships is in this style (7).
20 Becoming blue? It's a mistake (8).
22 Scoff playfully, say (6).
23 Long to embrace Desdemona, initially? Main cause of her tragedy (12).
25 Sea-bird repellent to others (4).
26 Post Office's old character used to herald arrival of mail (4-4).
27 Worthless company girl joined (8).

DOWN

2 Make difference to morale as a close friend (5,3).
3 Inflamed around middle — it's not serious (5-7).
4 Start a betting scheme that's easy to understand (4,4).
5 Person who wants to be heard in Japan, perhaps (7).
6 Run English history — make a meal of it (6).
7 Knowing it's outmoded as fashion (4).
8 Twice as keen, perhaps, as this venomous creature (3,5).
12 Commons supporting policy of Charles I, in a way (12).
15 Fashion badly needing change of emphasis (8).
17 From birth, having chance of success in a short life (2,6).
18 Understood it might be signalled? (8).
19 Corrupt leader of plot put on phoney accent (7).
21 French language in British school (6).
24 It holds up glasses showing quality of wine (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,771

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

ERDIES
a. Unimaginative, boring people
b. Potatoes
c. Computer groupies

ACOUCHY
a. A kind of agouti
b. In bed, in heraldry
c. Stuck with no entry to Dummy

POSNET
a. A hand-held prawn net
b. Someone who asks silly questions
c. A small cooking-pot

EUPHRASY
a. Eloquence, politeness
b. Good health
c. Eyebright, herb for curing eyes

Answers on page 15

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Concise crossword, page 15

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: C V Sukumar, Pilgrims Lane, London NW3; A J Bruce, Myddleton House, Campsfield Rd, London N8; I E Jones, Sweets Farmhouse, Stour Row, Shaftesbury, Dorset; A Mahoney, Dalston Rd, Carlisle, Cumbria; H Smith, Meadowfield, Aiskew, Bedale, N Yorks.

WEATHER

Western parts of England and Wales will be generally cloudy with some drizzle over hills and around south facing coasts. Central and eastern England will be dry with some sunshine in the South. The best of any sun is likely to be in sheltered parts of eastern Scotland and northeast England. Northern and western Scotland will have a cloudy day with some rain. Outlook: some rain in western and northern areas, dry elsewhere. Becoming colder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow, f=fair; c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	17	63	f
Akrotiri	17	63	f	Malaga	15	59	r
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	17	63	c	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Miami*	27	81	c
Athens	12	54	c	Milan	3	37	fg
Bahrain	23	73	s	Montreal*	5	41	c
Bangkok	33	91	f	Moscow	3	37	c
Barbads*	27	81	r	Munich	2	36	c
Barcelna	14	57	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Beirut	15	59	r	Naples	15	59	s
Belgrade	6	43	c	N Delhi	26	79	s
Bermuda*	21	70	r	N York*	8	46	f
Biarritz	10	50	f	Nice	16	61	s
Borde'x	11	52	s	Oslo	2	36	s
Brussels	9	48	s	Paris	3	37	fg
Budapst	5	41	c	Perth	24	75	s
B Aires*	29	84	f	Prague	2	36	fg
Cairo	19	66	f	Reykjavik	1	34	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
Chicago*	3	37	r	Rio de J	23	73	f
Ch'church	12	54	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Cologne	5	41	f	Rome	13	55	s
C'phagn	7	45	c	Salzburg	2	36	c
Corfu	17	63	s	S F'risco*	13	55	s
Dublin	11	52	f	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	17	63	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Florence	4	39	fg	Sing'por	29	84	f
Frankfurt	3	37	c	St'kholm	6	43	f
Funchal	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	1	34	fg
Geneva	4	39	c	Sydney	27	81	s
Gibraltar	15	59	r	Tangier	14	57	c
Helsinki	7	45	c	Tel Aviv	15	59	f
Innsbrck	6	43	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Istanbul	6	43	c	Tokyo	18	64	c
Jeddah	32	90	f	Toronto*	5	41	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	19	66	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Valencia	14	57	r
Lisbon	12	54	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	r
Locarno	9	48	s	Venice	8	46	s
London	12	54	s	Vienna	4	39	c
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	4	39	f
Luxembg	2	36	fg	Wash'ton*	12	54	f
Luxor	22	72	s	Wel'nton	11	52	c
Madrid	9	48	r	Zurich	1	34	c

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Western Isles, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Aspatria, Cumbria, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 5 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.31 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.6	-	10	50	sunny
Anglesey	0.8	.17	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	2.8	.02	7	45	shower
Belfast	5.0	.04	9	48	sunny
Birmingham	-	.01	12	54	shower
Bognor Regis	1.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Bristol	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	-	.02	11	52	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.6	.11	12	54	rain
Douglas	1.8	.18	10	50	bright
Exmouth	-	.01	11	52	dull
Glasgow	3.8	.44	9	48	bright
Jersey	-	-	10	50	fog
Kinloss	4.3	-	9	48	sunny
Leeds	-	.07	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	0.9	-	12	54	cloudy
London	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	fog
Manchester	-	.32	11	52	rain
Minehead	0.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Newcastle	1.1	.01	12	54	rain
Newquay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	-	.07	11	52	rain
Penzance	-	-	12	54	dull
Plymouth	-	-	11	52	dull
Poole	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	2.3	-	12	54	bright
Scarborough	-	.17	10	50	rain
Shanklin	2.4	-	13	55	bright
Southsea	1.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	2.4	.32	7	45	shower
Teignmouth	-	-	12	54	dull
Tenby	-	.09	12	54	drizzle
Torquay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Wick	3.2	-	8	46	bright

Thursday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.14
Austria Sch	21.20	19.70
Belgium Fr	61.90	57.90
Canada $	2.12	1.96
Denmark Kr	11.68	10.93
Finland Mkk	8.28	7.68
France Fr	10.25	9.55
Germany Dm	3.00	2.80
Greece Dr	348	323
Hong Kong $	14.27	13.27
Ireland Pt	1.125	1.055
Italy Lira	2265	2115
Japan Yen	246.50	227.50
Netherlands Gld	3.375	3.155
Norway Kr	11.85	11.05
Portugal Esc	265	247
South Africa Rd	5.15	4.55
Spain Pta	189	176
Sweden Kr	11.09	10.29
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	9200	8400
USA $	1.855	1.73
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40

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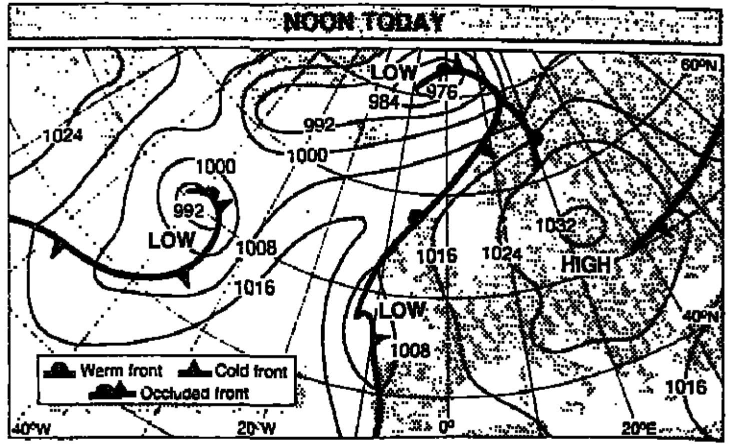

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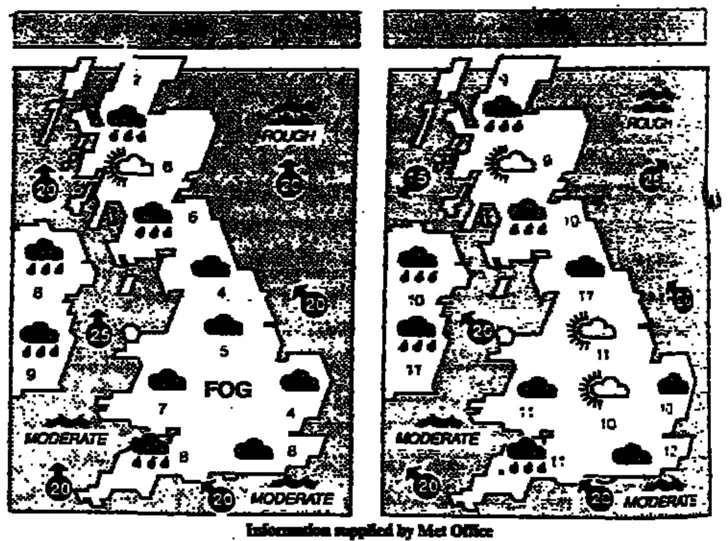

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MAD MONK TURNS INTO GOLDFISH.

All these words and more are in the puzzle above. That's Boggle, the fast fun game where you've got three minutes to find as many words as possible. Letters must adjoin but not necessarily in a straight line. Simple eh? Get Boggling.

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WEEKEND MONEY

Call for BT

Already 90,000 applications have been received from the public for the government's sale of shares in BT, the biggest company in Britain. *The Times* offers a guide to more than 5 million investors who have registered an interest in the government's sale of BT shares. The public offer of partly paid shares at 110p each closes on Wednesday. The final price will be fixed by international tender for institutions which closes at the end of business two days later.. **Tempus. page 20**
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Consumers are increasingly inclined to complain if they consider they have been treated unfairly by financial institutions, according to Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, in his annual report .... **Page 27**

Taxing times

A Labour victory will lead to changes in inheritance tax and Miras. National insurance, pensions and privatisation stocks will also be affected.................... **Page 25**

Too dear

Building societies are withdrawing five-year, fixed-rate mortgages days after offering them because they cannot afford high rates on the money markets........ **Page 26**

Easy money

Cardholders are making life too easy for criminals. Credit card fraud is expected to rise 10 per cent in the Christmas the run-up................ **Page 27**

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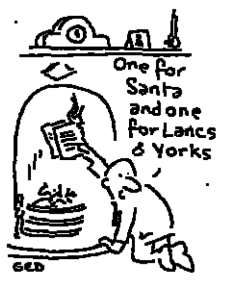
One for Santa and one for Lancs & Yorks
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A reader writes that the front-end loading on his life policy is augmented by a 7.5 per cent monthly handling charge. Another wonders if the Co-op only accepts gold card applicants who run up monthly interest bills.

Poles apart

Poland seems likely to go back on its radical reforms, much to the horror of the West and the bewilderment of Russia, which is about to do the same .... **Page 23**

Share plunge

Shares in YJ Lovell more than halved yesterday, after the construction group warned investors that it had broken guidelines from its bankers.................... **Page 21**

Water plea

Another chairman of one of the new public water companies has complained about excessive government interference............. **Page 20**

Kevin Maxwell is striving to hold together the empire created by his father. But yesterday, a large American bank sold a stake in Maxwell Communication, which it was holding as security on a family deal .... **Page 21**

Failures faster

Companies are going out of business at a faster rate than at any time in the past five years, despite government claims that the economy is improving .... **Page 21**

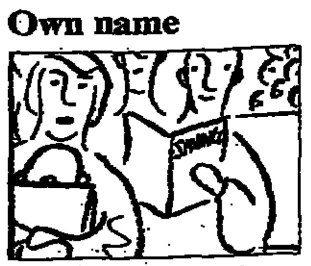
Gatt deadline

Gatt has met its end-November deadline for completing draft texts of agreements to unlock the stalled Uruguay round talks.............. **Page 20**

Monday

A 16-page supplement, published with *The Times* on Monday, looks at this year's winners of the National Training Awards, sponsored by the Prince of Wales.

Own name



Financial advisers have started to market insurance bonds and unit trusts branded with their own names, after the reversal of the decision by regulatory authorities to ban them completely. They have *lost many* of the advantages they used to enjoy.Surveys indicate a lower average performance compared *with life funds* generally.................. **Page 26**

WEEK ENDING

Matthew Bond

Status quo for sale

A week that began with British Rail finally admitting that it was unable to make its trains run on time, and deciding that it might do better if it scrapped some timetables altogether, was never going to be a good one for those who hold traditional British standards dear.

So it has proved. As the week draws to a close, a nation of stiff upper lips has been transformed into a land of trembling lowers, as one by one long-cherished British institutions stumble towards the pages of the history books.

For the good old pound sterling it has proved a particularly trying time. Whether you believe the rot set in in 1931 with the abandonment of the gold standard, or October last year when we finally limped into the European exchange-rate mechanism, the last few days have provided a pitiful spectacle. As the *grande dame* of the currency markets was ignominiously tossed on a stormy sea of international speculation, it became ever more difficult to tell whether *libra Britannica* was waving or drowning, floating or sinking?

Long gone may the days be when the actions of the British government or the *Bank of England, its mouthpiece,* were the key influence on the pound's level. But with a Chancellor whose best shot this week was to tell MPs that his technical economic recovery would leave homeowners, businesses and entire industries *still in recession,* is that altogether surprising?

So while Mr Major stepped up his efforts to turn the impending Maastricht *summit into some sort of* Panglossian Euro-fudge, sterling was buffeted from peak to trough by the French and German finance ministries, their respective central banks *and the impoverished* American consumer. An unedifying spectacle that has done little to allay the fear that Mr Major may yet fall for the narrow-waisted charms of the ERM and EMS, rush headlong into EPU and EMU and forsake the familiar pound for the exotic ecu. The pre-election slogans have already been written. "John Major rules, EK." But for which party?

Elsewhere, it was the British legal system and the British Sunday that came under threat. When the legal system again demonstrated its ability to send the wrong people to prison and filial and fiscal duty apparently no longer extend to paying taxes introduced by your mother, it should have come as little surprise that a number of leading supermarket groups decided that the Shops Act 1950 presented no obstacle to their opening on *Sundays.*

All well and good. With the high streets and by-passes of Britain still in the grip of retail recession, offering seven days of temptation rather than six doubtless looks a sensible move. But presumably there will be no objections when their customers treat the Theft Act 1968 with the same disdain.

Ironically, the saviour of the British Sunday could yet be the European Commission, which, having tried in vain to get British Airways to reduce its European airfares, plans to outlaw Sunday working.

A Euro-sop, if ever the British saw one. With our way of life crumbling all around us, a day of national mourning seems most appropriate. But please, not Sunday. . . I'm going shopping.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Chris Haskins

The reluctant businessman

The chairman of Northern Foods tells Gillian Bowditch he would have been happier as a farmer or a journalist

BARRY GREENWOOD

First love: Chris Haskins is happiest walking his farm with his wife Gilda and his dogs

Christopher Haskins, *chairman of Northern* Foods, enjoys a good argument, which is just as well as, within the business *community, his political and so*cial beliefs often put him in a minority of one. Few chairman of FT-SE 100 companies have fallen foul of the Labour Party over their radical views, have marched in support of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament or believe that British governments have too much power.

Haskins is an approachable man who speaks his mind and encourages others to do the same but does not appear to have mellowed much over the years. Although wealthy, his friends say his well-developed social conscience is unaffected by his rise to the top of the corporate tree.

"Other businessmen consider me a bit of a maverick," he says. "I'm in business by default. My interests have always been farming, still are. I'm a much better farmer than businessperson."

Russell Edey, managing director of NM Rothschild, a non-*executive director of Northern* Foods and a friend of 14 years, says what sets Haskins apart from the rest of the business community *is compassion combined* with astute political awareness. "He's highly intelligent, very articulate, has a strong moral code *and a good sense of humour.* Quite fearless," says Edey.

Haskins says his outspokenness sometimes gets him into trouble. *"If I have a fault it is that I talk a* little bit too openly to people. I prefer to tell people too much, to be indiscreet," he says.

"*He does wear his heart on his* sleeve," says Edey. "When I first met him he tended to be overtrusting. He subscribed to Rousseau's concept of the Noble Savage, that people were not corrupt until they had been corrupted. He is a bit more wary now." *Haskins says criticisms centre on* his volatility and inconsistency. "People might say they never know where they stand with me. *A good idea today might be a bad* idea tomorrow."

Clinton Silver, deputy chairman of Marks and Spencer, *whose biggest supplier is North*ern Foods, says: "I would say he was excitable, rather than volatile. He is easily moved to anger *and also to laughter.* He is an independent spirit, full of compassion. Behind that raffish, exterior lurks an enormous intellect." Gilda, his wife, says he is prepared to take risks but adds that he is quite happy to send someone else over the barricades. "He likes to give me the bullets and tell me to fire the shots."

Haskins, one of four children, was born into a protestant family in Wicklow, Southern Ireland in 1937. His father was a dairy *farmer and his grandfather an* entrepreneur with a milling business in Wicklow town.

His mother was an intelligent, *self-taught woman who encour*aged his interest in books. Temperamentally, she was introspective. Haskins says his personality is more akin to his father, an outgoing man who loved the farm and whose reading habits did not extend beyond the *Irish Farmers' Journal.* He was sent to St Columba's, a protestant school in Dublin, and went on to study history at Trinity College where he met Gilda, who was instrumental in developing her husband's political and social conscience, taking him on the first Aldermaston March. She came from a Quaker background and Haskins was impressed by her family's beliefs.

He became a reluctant businessman having been thwarted in his first two choices of career. After the family milling business failed, his brother took over the farm, an ambition Haskins had nursed. A career in journalism was denied him when his mother, who did not consider it suitable, neglected to tell him of a job offer from the *Irish Times.*

> *'I'm in business by default. My interests have always been farming, still are'*

By the time she told him, he was in Manchester struggling at De La Rue, the printer. He did not *regret the move to the north of* England although along with his accent, he still retains close ties with southern Ireland. "I always *had a great belief in the demo*cratic liberalism of Britain," he says. "It went through a bad time in the 1980s when I found the *attitudes which prevailed offen*sive, particularly for minorities and for people who were down on their luck. But people have recov*ered their sense of proportion.*"

But the job at De La Rue was another matter. "When they took me on, they didn't know what to do with me. I did nothing for a year and then eventually I started causing trouble and they fired me. I don't know what the hell I was meant to be doing, training to be a trainee I think."

He was jobless and about to become a father. In a state of desperation he found a job in the personnel division of Ford, Dagenham, a move which suited him. The company was well-known as a hot house of young talent and a challenging environment in *which to work.* "*On the day I left* in 1962 we had 30 strikes going on simultaneously," he says.

Haskins declares he is not *political in a party sense but he* was active while at Ford. "I was thrown out of the Labour party by George Brown, who failed to check if *I was a member. I wasn't.* I went into work, picked up the *Manchester Guardian* to discover three people who were putting up candidates on the peace issue were being expelled from the Labour Party and I was one. Ford was very good about it."

He might have stayed with Ford if it had not been for Alec Horsley, his father-in-law, who had established Northern Dairies during the war and who was keen to have Haskins in the business. At the age of 89, Mr Horsley remains a dominant personality.

Nicholas, Horsley's son, was in the business and Haskins joined to manage a string of small dairies in Belfast. He became chairman in 1986, after the departure of his brother-in-law, who had become ill. The move co*incided with a period of instabil*ity at Northern Foods. Haskins saw off three predators and reorganised the business, withdraw*ing from America after the busi*ness there was beset with problems. Last week's £359 million acquisition by Northern of Ex*press Dairy and Eden Vale from* Grand Metropolitan secures Northern's position in the FT-SE 100 and makes it Britain's largest *supplier of home delivered milk.*

Any political ambitions Haskins may have toyed with have evaporated as his business career *has flourished, but he remains* fiercely interested and enjoys the company of politicians. "My politics tend to be against the government. *I think, in principle,* governments have more power than they should have. The role of a democracy should be to challenge *the government and protect mi*norities. I think big business is too narrow in its approach to politics and the same goes for large trade *unions. When governments* change, the whole economic policy changes because the balance of power is moved around by the *trade unions on one side and big* business on the other."

Haskins works well with people of different political persuasions. *He says he is impressed with John* Major as a chairman and a listener. Those who know him well say that he is close to Neil Kinnock. "I'm by nature an accommodator," he says. "I'm fascinated by politics but I could never have been a politician. I could not have taken the party line and I'm not tough enough. People are always rubbishing politicians but I have a high regard for them."

He is fervently pro-Europe, believing that a united Europe is the *only hope of checking nationa*lism and ethnic racism, which he sees as the main threat to peace.

His responsibilities weigh *heavily on his shoulders. He* happiest on his 800-acre farm in Yorkshire, which is run by Peter, his son. He has five children, the *youngest two are adopted, and* one grandchild. At weekends he feeds the beef cattle and spends four hours a day walking all the *fields with his four dogs.*

"I like to get home," he says. "I'm not practical. I drive a tractor but they won't let me drive *the combine.* I've *crashed into a* lot of things over the years."

Gilda says he is a surprisingly lonely person and has become *more introspective with the years.* While there is no compromising his beliefs, she says the nature of the job means that away from *home he has* to be a different person and operate in a world whose values he does not share. "He sometimes feels quite sick about it." she says.

"I'm much more introverted than I appear," Haskins says. "There's nothing I like better than being on my own, with the dogs, away from the world. Like all people who appear gregarious, deep down there is a great self-questioning."

Last laugh for the born-again Lada

By George Sivell

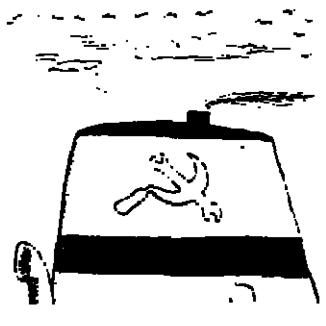
A GENERATION weaned on jokes about Lada, the Russian car, would be astonished to discover that in the Russian language the word *means* beloved. They would be all the more amused to learn that it can also mean harmony or concord, and a derived verb means to go well — something that would not even be attributed to the vehicle even by the Russians.

However, to Soviet people struggling to make ends meet in the wreckage of the command economy, Ladas are becoming a serious business.

In the week that brought Western agreement to roll over Soviet debt, the revelation that there was *no gold, and that witnessed the* unlikely prospect of America spending $500 million of its stretched budget to dismantle Soviet nuclear warheads, one might even have expected news that the Siberian salt mines had run out.

The most illuminating tale of the desperate struggle to exist while Soviet politicians dither over economic reform comes, however, from the unlikely mouth of a Sunderland docker. It appears that the crews of visiting Soviet freighters go scouring in their spare time.

But do the sailors go straight to the public houses, nightclubs or shops? No. First call is the local tip, repository of precious windscreens, sunroofs and other spares for Ladas. Sometimes the foragers from the East strike lucky. Staff at the Port of Sunderland Authority say it is not uncommon to see a freighter *departing with five or six Ladas* chained to the deck.



Parts or complete cars can be sold in the Soviet Union for precious hard currency — dollars, marks, pounds or Finnish markka — which in turn the crewmen and their families can use to buy good cuts of meat, perfume, shoes, televisions, or any of the other desirables to be had on the thriving black market.

In times gone by, the sailors would have been sent to jail in the Soviet Union for breaking the strict communist rules on speculation, but now the laws on possession of foreign currency are being redrawn.

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TEMPUS

BT sale is worth a short-term bet

More than 5 million people who have registered interest in the government's sale of BT shares will have to make up their minds this weekend whether to apply for shares in the public offer, which closes on Wednesday. Here is Tempus's guide

Busy lines for BT: chairman Iain Vallance will be hoping for a good public response to share offer

Q: Is the sale like other heavily marketed privatisations, in which a premium on the sale price has been virtually guaranteed?

A: No, but the small investor who buys through the public offer is still likely to show a quick profit. BT is different because its shares are already quoted at a price that reflects supply and demand. Big institutional investors must bid for shares through the international tender, which will determine the final price, after ordinary investors have made their decisions. To make up for this, the government is offering special deals for private investors.

Q: What are the price incentives?

A: Investors in the public offer will be charged a fixed price of 110p on the first instalment, while others pay 125p. This is a worth 13.6 per cent on the first instalment though only about 4 per cent on the likely full price. There is a choice of discounts on the second and third instalments, worth about 30p per share, or the usual one-for-ten bonus after the final instalment in March 1993. Unlike the initial discount, these "loyalty" incentives are limited, to 1,000 shares for the later discount or 1,500 shares for the bonus. New investors also qualify for BT's 5.7p net interim dividend of 5.7p net on February 28.

Q: Are the shares being sold by the government the same as those already quoted?

A: Not yet. The shares have the same rights but are being sold in partly paid form, so will be quoted separately until the final instalment is paid. Payment by instalment is reckoned to be worth about 20p and some of this will be reflected in the price arrived at in the international tender. If BT shares stayed at last night's 354p, the tender price might be fixed around 360p.

Q: How have BT shares performed since the company was privatised seven years ago?

A: After rushing to a big premium on the sale price when they were first quoted, the shares have performed much the same as the market in the long run. They have tended to fall relative to the share index in boom times, but do better in bad times. There have also been ups and downs coinciding with regulatory reviews and elections, when BT shares tend to do badly in advance but recover after. In the short term, BT shares are, therefore, more volatile than its business.

Q: What caused the sharp fall recently?

A: Two factors. First, a series of utility regulators started getting tougher. BT has come through a competition review and has started a tougher new price regime, where its prices must must move no higher than 6¼ per cent less than inflation. With inflation now much lower, this means prices must fall. There are fears about a new price regulation that will be decided next year to come in force from summer 1993.

BT's second-quarter results were also disappointing, showing it was not so immune from recession as thought. Turnover rose only 0.7 per cent and profits fell slightly. Brokers' profits forecasts for the year to end March were cut from £3.35 million to £3.2 million and 1992-3 forecasts were also trimmed. But profits would still be up for both years.

Q: Is BT thought to be a growth company?

A: BT is an immensely strong company with the fifth largest telephone network in the world. Finances are sound and the group is beginning to benefit from heavy investment in modern digital exchanges. BT has a dominant share in Britain of a business that has consistently grown faster than the economy as a whole and is likely to continue doing so. BT has shown underlying growth of nearly 9 per cent until the recession struck late, and, once the economy recovers, solid volume growth should return. BT will face more competition, reducing its share of the growth, but BT itself is starting to compete abroad.

Q: Then why are BT shares valued at only 10.3 times forecast earnings, which is below the stock market average and less than ten times likely 1992-3 earnings, when quoted telephone companies aborad have better ratings?

A: There is another way of looking at BT: as a British regulated utility. On that basis, the dividend yield on its shares, 5.2 per cent on this year's likely dividend, is more expensive that the electricity distributors (averaging about 6.2 per cent) or British Gas and water shares, which yield about 7 per cent on average.

The fear is that price regulation on utilities will bite much harder with low inflation. BT should cope, because it is estimated to have £1 billion a year of costs to cut before it reaches good international standards, but there is a fear that regulators will take gains from growth and efficiency away from shareholders and favour competitors unduly. Inevitably, BT is valued as a mixture of a threatened utility and a solid long-term growth business.

Q: What is the short-term potential for the shares?

A: With the emphasis in the stock market on recovery stocks, BT may lag a little because it hit recession late. The downside risk for small investors is limited. Pessimists on BT shares suggest a price of 300p, which is roughly what small investors taking full advantage of the discounts would pay.

Immediately after the sale, however, the price movement will depend more on whether some of demand from institutional investors is unsatisfied, encouraging them to buy in the market and push the price up. Early evidence from tentative forward order books suggests this is likely.

Q: Is BT a suitable share for the first time investor?

A: Not so obviously as it seemed in the original flotation in 1984. The business is still solid, but politics and regulation make the shares more volatile. BT is still more suitable than most shares.

Q: Is the offer worth backing?

A: As a short-term proposition, yes. The value of the discount on the first instalment, plus the margin left in the international tender price by the government's advisers to allow a good after-market, should give a good return over a month or two, which is well worth having. Market movements could turn disastrously wrong but the sale arrangements and plans to manage the market in BT shares afterwards make the short-term risk small.

The loyalty discount or bonus also make this a good way to buy BT shares and, therefore, a good opportunity for existing BT holders who are happy with their investment to top it up. Apart from the short-term incentives, there is no reason to expect BT to be a better long-term investment than the average unit trust or managed Pep.

Q: In recent government sales, applications for more than the minimum, in this case 100 shares, were either scaled down ridiculously or refused altogether. If that is going to happen again, is it worth bothering and what strategy should be used?

A: This could be a problem again. The government hopes to give worthwhile allocations and this is the biggest single government sale, but the maximum number of shares available to the public would still value the first instalement at only £1.2 billion, so it could be swamped. The only sensible strategy to adopt is no strategy. Apply for shares you are prepared to keep and pay up fully, but no more. Applying for 100 will yield little quick profit net of expenses and is an uneconomic long-term holding. Applying for more than 1,000 could well lead to disappointment.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Recession-hit Asprey drops to £10.9m

ASPREY, the Bond Street jeweller that includes Mappin & Webb and Garrards, is feeling the effects of recession, despite its wealthy customer base. The group made £10.9 million pre-tax profits in the six months to end-September (£11.9 million). Turnover rose to £49.2 million (£42.6 million). Earnings per share fell to 6.87p (9.07p), but the dividend has been held at 1.1p.

John Asprey, chairman, said that in the first half trading conditions continued to deteriorate as a result of the recession. The shares on the USM rose 3p to 293p.

Stoddard 4% ahead

A BIGGER share of the UK carpet market helped Stoddard Sekers International, which makes carpets and fabrics, to raise pre-tax profit 4 per cent to £1.05 million in the six months to September 30. Turnover was 8 per cent higher at £22.2 million, despite difficult conditions in the sector. Investment in new equipment helped to reduce costs. The company said that fabrics sales, although less buoyant than those of carpets, had been "encouraging". Earnings per share slipped to 1.2p (1.3p) but the interim dividend was raised to 0.75p (0.55p). The shares firmed 1p to 47p.

Oceonics doubles

OCEONICS Group, the offshore marine services supplier, has announced more than doubled interim profits and a rights issue to fund product development. The one-for-five cash call of new shares at 12½p, underwritten by Marshall & Co, will raise £2.63 million. About £600,000 of the new funds will be used to reduce borrowings from their current level of 140 per cent. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September were £2.42 million, a 110 per cent increase. Earnings per share rose from 0.6p to 1.4p. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Publicis wins Geers

PUBLICIS, the French marketing group, claims to control 90.6 per cent of Geers Gross following its recent £5.3 million recommended offer for the London-based advertising agency. Publicis intends to acquire compulsorily any outstanding ordinary shares in Geers Gross, under section 429 of the Companies Act 1985. The boards of both companies recommend that shareholders who have not yet accepted the offer do so immediately. The offer remains open until further notice. Shares in Geers Gross were unchanged at 34p, compared with the 35p offer from Publicis.

Tops lifts dividend

TOPS Estates, the property company specialising in town centre office and retail investments, is raising its interim dividend by 10 per cent to 0.55p (0.5p) after unveiling a 19.7 per cent rise in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits increased to £1.34 million (£1.12 million) in the six months to end-September, on rental income ahead from £4.79 million to £5.28 million. Earnings per share rise from 1.59p to 1.92p.

Edbro drives ahead

EDBRO, the hydraulic tipping hoists, trucks and trailers maker that is the subject of an agreed £24.2 million bid from Marrel, the French transport company, has unveiled a 74 per cent advance in first-half profits.

Pre-tax profits jumped from £253,000 to £440,000 in the six months to end-September. Sales slipped from £13.9 million to £13.3 million. Earnings rose from 2p to 3p a share. With regard to Marrel's offer, Edbro will not pay an interim dividend, against 1p last time. Edbro shares stayed at 265p, against the 270p a share cash offer.

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Belgium frees loan to Sabena

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE Belgian government yesterday gave Sabena, its ailing state airline, a £50 million bridging loan, a move likely to fall foul of the European Commission.

Earlier this year Karel Van Miert, the EC transport commissioner, persuaded his colleagues that a 19 billion Belgian franc (£327 million) recapitalisation of Sabena should be allowed on the grounds that it was the airline's "last chance", despite opposition from Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner.

The deal was conditional on the government giving the carrier BFr10 billion immediately, a further BFr9 billion to be given only in conjunction with a new partner.

However, marrying off Sabena, the ugly duckling of Europe's skies, has proved no easy task. Although talks with Air France have been at an advanced stage for months, no partnership has yet been agreed, and the Belgian government went ahead in desperation yesterday and loaned the airline an initial BFr3 billion.

Water chief warns of 'excessive' rules

By JONATHAN PRYNN

NICHOLAS Hood, the chairman of Wessex Water, has given warning of the dangers of excessive regulation of the water industry just two days after Bob Thian, the chief executive of North West Water criticised the government for political interference.

Mr Hood said that, given the improvements since privatisation in terms of standard of service, care for the environment and strong regulation, "any government that contemplated excessive regulation or any form of public ownership would not be showing the care I would expect of it".

He added: "I'm sure the Labour Party has seen this and the Conservative party know this." Labour is committed to some form of return to public ownership of the industry, but has admitted that it would not be a top priority for a Labour administration.

In the half year to end-September, pre-tax profits at Wessex rose 14 per cent to £39.8 million. The interim dividend rises 8 per cent to 6.6p, against a notional 20 per cent advance for the same period last year. Mr Hood described the dividend increase as "sound, prudent and progressive."

Hood: care expected

Wessex came to the market with one of the lowest yields among water shares and increased its dividend sharply last year "to redress the balance", Mr Hood said. Earnings rose 13 per cent to 36.2p a share.

Capital investment grew 44 per cent to £52 million during the half year. About £140 million will be spent in the full year.

Mr Hood said the acquisition of Wimpey Waste Management would be earnings-enhancing this year.

Cash call for £37m at R&M

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

RIVER & Mercantile Trust is holding a £36.7 million rights issue to take advantage of the premium value of its income shares. The trust is issuing new capital, income and stepped preference shares and warrants to shareholders in the first large investment trust cash call this year.

As with other split capital trusts, River & Mercantile's income shares are trading well above their asset value due to their high dividend yield. The stock market price of the income shares is 118p, compared with the 62.3p asset value.

The trust is issuing one new income share for every three held at 105.5p each. There are small discounts on the issues of both the capital and stepped preference shares but the entire rights issue is priced at a 17.7 per cent premium to net assets.

The additional money will raise the net asset value of the trust's capital shares by 4.3p a share, while the trust will pay an additional 0.2p a share dividend next year to the income shareholders to make a total of 8.2p.

Gatt deal 'rests with politicians'

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE fate of the stalled talks on freer world trade now rests with the politicians, as the technical basis for agreement already exists, according to Arthur Dunkel, director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Mr Dunkel's declaration allowed him to meet the deadline he set this autumn for completing the draft texts and working papers for interlocking trade agreements under negotiation by the end of November. The drafts spell out the options from which the politicians must choose.

Leaders at the world economic summit in July declared a successful conclusion to the Gatt round the top economic policy priority. The end of 1991, a year later than agreed in 1986 when the negotiations began, was set as the target for completion.

Mr Dunkel yesterday told the heads of the 108 delegations the round had entered its final phase when the political deals have to be made.

President Bush sought to inject fresh political momentum into the round on November 9 at a meeting with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, and Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister. But his apparent softening of American demands for cuts in farm subsidies has so far produced little tangible progress, and differences persist between Community states on Europe's response.

The transatlantic farm subsidy dispute has been the main obstacle in the trade talks, which are seeking to liberalise trade in farm produce, services and intellectual property for the first time.

David Woods, a Gatt spokesman, said Mr Dunkel had set a new deadline for agreement that meant political differences had to be overcome by Christmas. As host of the London summit, John Major threatened to call an emergency meeting of the Group of Seven to save the Uruguay round of talks from failure. Mr Woods cautioned against the idea that the results of the Geneva negotiations meant accord was close.

The slowdown, or fragile recovery from recession, affecting the leading economies is expected to provide a crucial goad to governments to make the hard decisions needed to secure a Gatt agreement.

A successful Uruguay round would boost world trade and global economic growth.

But remarks by Carla Hills, the American trade representative, suggest the key players are still ready to try some brinkmanship. She said progress was slow and doubted whether a deal could be concluded by year-end. American officials have suggested the technicalities involved meant agreement could only be finalised early next year, even if the main political bullets had been bitten by the end of this year.

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Doubts return over end to recession

Liquidations accelerate to five-year peak

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

OMPANIES are going out f business at a faster rate an at any time during the st five years, despite govern- ent claims that the econo- y is improving, official gures on corporate insolven- es show.

Even though any decline in solvencies would be expect- d to lag behind a recovery, e fact that trade depart- ent data show an increas- g rate of liquidations rather an any signs of improve- ent is a gloomy indication f the continuing impact of e recession.

Labour seized on the fig- res, published for the trade partment by the Associ- ion of British Chambers of ommerce, with Gordon rown, shadow trade secre- ry, saying they made it "im- rative that the prime inister ends the do-nothing action which characterises vernment policy and takes easures to halt the disas- ous fall in investment".

The seasonally adjusted fig- es show that the number of mpany insolvencies in Eng- nd and Wales for the third arter of this year rose to 717 from 5,495 in the previous quarter. That increase of just over 4 per cent compares with a rate of a little under 3 per cent in the previous quarter. While the latest rise is slower than increases in insolvencies earlier in the year, which were up to five times the current rate, the increase is getting larger during a half-year period in which both the prime minister and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, have said the economy is recovering.

The latest quarterly figure is up 42 per cent on the level of a year ago, when the number of companies going out of business was already rising fast. The third-quarter figures mean that for the year to the end of September, the seasonally adjusted number of corporate insolvencies was 21,220, or 2.2 per cent of all active companies.

Ron Taylor, director-general of the chambers of commerce, said: "The present rate of failure is like tearing every fiftieth page out of Yellow Pages."

Within total third-quarter insolvencies, compulsory liquidations numbered 2,329, or 41 per cent of the total, against 1,677 in the similar period last year, while creditors' voluntary liquidations numbered 3,388, or 59 per cent, compared with 2,355 a year ago.

Saying that the company failure rate gave "cause for alarm", the chambers said it was "disappointing" that there had been no levelling out in the business failure rate — indeed, that the trend was still upward.

Mr Taylor said that recent industrial surveys had shown a rise in confidence: "Our fear is that business confidence will be eroded by the continuing high level of insolvency and bankruptcy linked to the failure of consumer spending — as yet to take off in the Christmas period."

The chambers said the figures indicated that further insolvencies and bankruptcies were still to be expected.

The trade department also announced new figures for individual insolvencies in England and Wales. At 6,705, the total of individual insolvencies was 80 per cent higher, from the 3,725, in the three months to the end of September last year.

Dollar rise undermined by warning on economy

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

HE dollar advanced strong- against the mark yesterday, covering to levels last seen o weeks ago before Wall reet's slide, and providing ief for sterling and other RM currencies beleaguered the mark.

Some traders gave a warn- g, however, that the mark's akness had been exagger- ed by very thin markets ter Thursday's Thanksgiv- g holiday in America. They id fears of an ERM realign- ent around the time of the aastricht summit could ntinue to dog sterling and er currencies next week.

Equity prices worldwide ntinued to stabilise, with ndon and New York stock rkets showing little change er a day of thin business.

n Tokyo and London, the lar rose by 2½ pfennigs to M1.64 and sterling appre- ted from DM2.86 to M2.8750, on predictions of ther coup in the Soviet ion reported by a Japanese ws agency. But dealers reed the mark's weakness s probably due less to de- opments in the Soviet ion or fundamental eco- mic factors than to wide- ead buying of dollars and after dealers found themselves short when the sharp rise of the mark ran out of steam this week.

When the New York markets opened, the short-covering by European speculators was met with buying by American investors and the German currency rebounded. By mid-afternoon in New York, the dollar had fallen back to DM1.6230 and the pound to DM2.8695.

Another factor moving sentiment against the dollar was a gloomy assessment of the American economy by Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund. M Camdessus, speaking at a conference in Chile, said the IMF had "observed signs that the US economy's recovery could be less solid than expected".

He added that the bad news on the American economy had "given rise to a visible loss of confidence among consumers and investors" and that this loss of confidence threatened to make the economic situation even worse.

☐ Revised figures from the Bank of England showed that M0, the officially targeted narrow money supply measure, rose 0.7 per cent in September, more than double the original figure, suggesting more buoyant consumer spending.

The final data confirmed the 0.2 per cent rise in October, while the latest weekly figures for November indicated a rise in M0 of 0.1 per cent this month. The annual growth rates for M0 were 2.2 and 2.6 per cent respectively in September and October.

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, said the figures appeared to show the decline in consumer spending had bottomed out, but that there was no real recovery in evidence.

Camdessus: gloomy

Citibank sells Maxwell shares

By Neil Bennett

CITIBANK, America's leading bank, has sold a 1 per cent stake in Maxwell Communication Corporation, which it was holding as security on a failed foreign exchange deal with the Maxwell family's debt-stricken private business empire.

The disposal may have contributed to the disastrous collapse in MCC's shares since the beginning of the month.

MCC informed the Stock Exchange yesterday that Citibank no longer held a stake of more than 3 per cent. Citibank originally took control of a 3.8 per cent stake, or 25 million shares, to cover the foreign exchange deal by Robert Maxwell Group, one of the family's key private companies, on October 18.

The bank later admitted it sold 5.75 million shares, or 0.9 per cent of the company, in 21 transactions between November 4 and November 20. The disposals started when Robert Maxwell Group failed to settle the foreign exchange deal due to cash flow problems.

The announcement is further evidence that Robert Maxwell knew about a mounting crisis in his business empire shortly before his death on November 5.

When the bank started selling, the day before Mr Maxwell's death, MCC's share price stood at 139p. By the time selling had ended, the shares had collapsed to an all-time low of 36p.

While Mr Maxwell's death and news of a Serious Fraud Office enquiry into a £55 million loan by Swiss Bank Corporation to Robert Maxwell Group had a devastating effect on the price, Citibank's sales probably depressed the shares still further.

A spokeswoman for Citibank refused to comment on how many shares the bank still holds. At a meeting of the Maxwell family's bankers last Monday, Citibank agreed not to sell any more of its stake while details of a reconstruction plan are formulated.

At the meeting, however, Citibank made clear it was unwilling to participate in any long-term rescue plan or debt standstill agreement, since it saw itself as a trade creditor of the Robert Maxwell Group, not a banker.

The banks' steering committee, comprising Midland, Lloyds, Paribas and Sumitomo Trust and Banking Corporation, led by National Westminster, is dealing with Citibank's case as a priority.

The steering committee is continuing to work with NM Rothschild, the Maxwell family's adviser, to draw up a rescue plan to present to the family's 30 banks next Tuesday.

☐ Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher, has attacked the tactics of Tony O'Reilly, the Irish businessman and his main rival in the battle for the John Fairfax newspaper group (Brian Buchanan writes from Sydney).

He accused Dr O'Reilly of acting to "stir up and incite political difficulties" for Mr Black's Tourang consortium. His comments followed the surprise withdrawal of Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man, from Tourang on Wednesday. Mr Packer's move set off speculation that he would be interested in a bid for Mirror Group Newspapers.

Mr Black, owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, was speaking in an interview from London on Mr Packer's Nine television network in Australia.

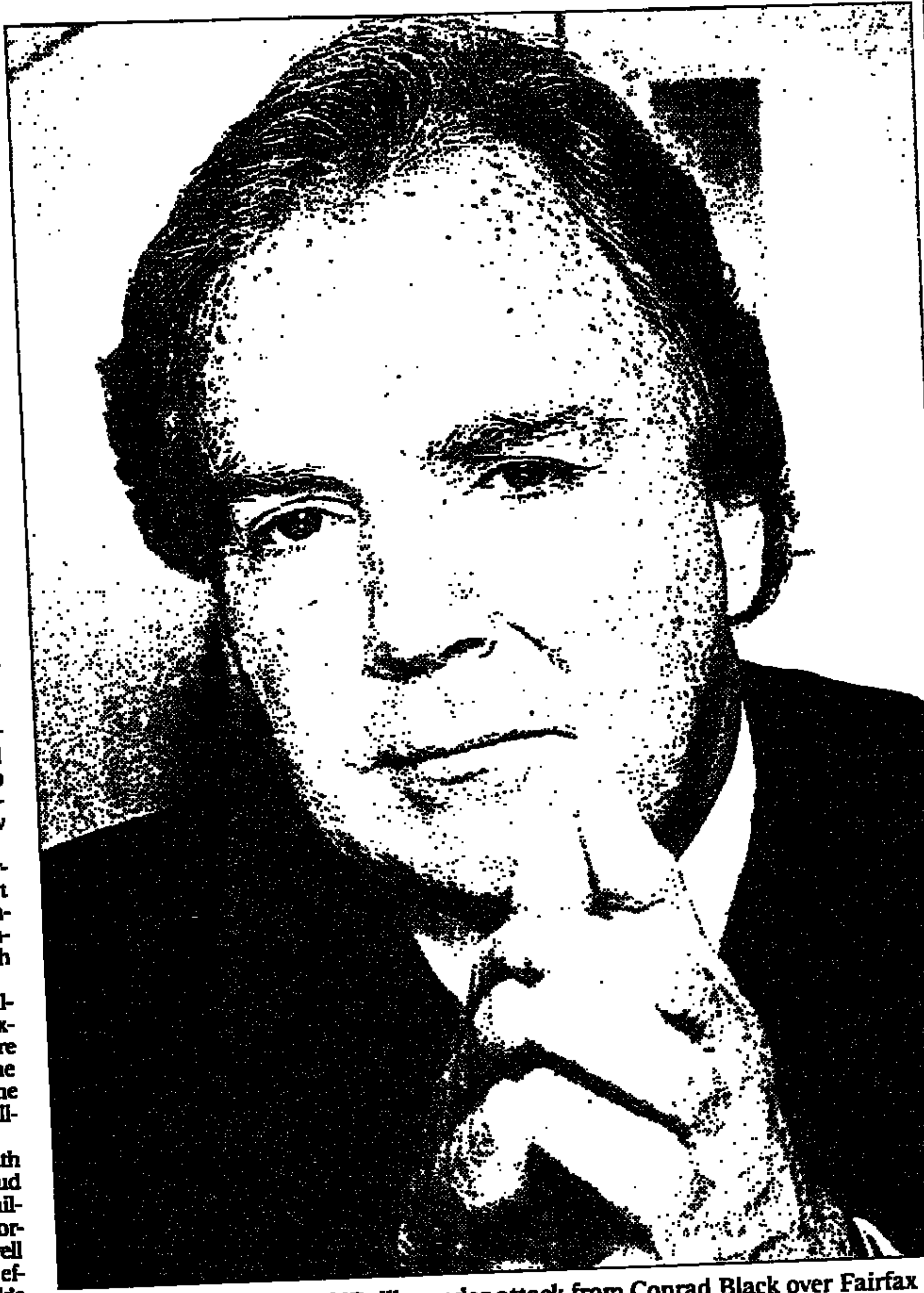
"The rule that we all accepted as governing us at Tourang when we started was that if at any time the higher interest of the bid would be served by any one of us withdrawing, we would do so," Mr Black said.

"I offered to do that on one occasion when concern over foreign investment levels was quite amplified.

"He (Mr Packer) said, and I quote him: 'A good general has to know when to advance and when to retreat and in the better interests of the cause I shall now retreat'."

Mr Black said he genuinely regarded Dr O'Reilly as a "friend". But he said that "on occasion, with friends like that I don't need enemies the way he's conducted this particular contest. Dr O'Reilly's tactic has been to stir up and incite political difficulties for us".

Meanwhile, Tourang appears to have enhanced its bid chances by sorting out its differences with Malcolm Turnbull, the representative of Fairfax junk bond holders. Mr Turnbull has resigned as Tourang director instead of being dismissed as expected after falling out with other Tourang directors.



Media battle: Tony O'Reilly, under attack from Conrad Black over Fairfax

Lovell plunges after warning

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in YJ Lovell, the construction group, plunged from 96p to 32p after the company issued a warning that it was in breach of its banking covenants and unable to pay a final dividend.

Lovell said its figures for the year to September 30 would contain provisions of £62 million, well over twice what it expected when it launched a £31 million rights issue in April. At that time, the company said it intended to pay an unchanged final dividend of 6.75p.

The results are due to be reported on December 16, but Robert Sellier, chief executive, rejected criticism to the effect that a warning could have been given earlier. Provisions were decided at the November board meeting, he said, adding that he did not expect "any uplift at all" in 1992.

The writedowns on the land bank and unsold commercial properties will be treated as an exceptional item: the cost of withdrawing from Spain and America will be taken below the line.

Lovell said that it had been caught out by a short-lived recovery in house prices in March and April. That had led it to believe Lovell Homes could sell 1,000 units in the year to September 30. It had actually sold 865. Both residential and commercial property prices had fallen further.

Year-end borrowings of £65.7 million were at a similar level to last year, but the provisions have led to gearing "greater than that deemed prudent". Although the company had tried to ease the problem by sellingits Scottish housing operation for £10 million, it still expected to breach certain banking covenants. Talks were taking place with Barclays Bank, its principal bank.

The warning sent shares in other housebuilders sharply lower. The market was clearly worried that Lovell would not be alone in reporting higher than expected provisions. Shares in Taylor Woodrow dropped 8p to 144p.Higgs & Hill fell 31p to 109p, Costain was down 8p to 54p, Amec 6p to 168p, McCarthy & Stone 9p to 47p and Westbury 8p to 144p.

Nestlé seeks all of Vittel

By Wolfgang Münchau

NESTLE, the Swiss food group, is bidding for the outstanding shares in Vittel, the French mineral water company, in the second bid for a French mineral water company this week.

Nestlé owns 52 per cent of Vittel, and is bidding Fr953 per share, which compares with the previous night's closing share price of Fr714. The bid values Vittel at about Fr2.2 billion.

On Thursday, the Italian Agnelli family announced a bid for Exor, the parent company of Perrier, the most famous French mineral water group. Analysts believe that the flurry of takeover bids comes in response to the state of the market, which has been depressed because of the economic slowdown and the weather.

In Vittel's case, Nestlé's bid price, although substantially above the market price, is still below the year's high of Fr1,072.

Under French stock market rules, designed to protect minority shareholders, bidders who own one third of the shares need to bid for at least another third if they wish to increase their holdings, while shareholders who hold more than 50 per cent have to bid for all the shares.

Lloyd's action groups set up

By Jonathan Prynn

O more action groups of -making Lloyd's names e held inaugural meetings l appointed committees to sider the circumstances und their losses.

he losses affect about 50 names in total on three dicates. Both groups are ing a low-key approach have not yet called in vyers.

he first of the two meet- s, held on Thursday, was ended by more than 200 mes on the Bohling syndi- es 216 and 833, which e huge losses because of Hurricane Hugo reinsurance claims. The syndicates were taken over by Castle Underwriting this year.

Trevor James, a "semi-retired" businessman, was appointed to chair a steering committee, "to investigate the cause of the potential substantial losses". Members of the group have been charged £300 for initial expenses.

The second group met yesterday to consider the 570 per cent losses incurred by Merrett syndicate 421 for the still-open 1983 year. The losses were caused by pollution and asbestosis claims under seven run-off contracts written to reinsure other Lloyd's syndicates.

About 50 of the 340 names on the syndicate attended the meeting and appointed a steering committee headed by John Franklin, a Morgan Grenfell corporate financier. No charge is being levied. All but two of the names on the syndicate have a £10,000 line, giving losses to date of £57,000.

Both sets of losses are to be the subject of internal Lloyd's loss review panels.

Arrow advisers 'conspired to cheat'

By Our City Staff

DVISERS to the Blue Arrow £837 illion cash call disguised the "flop" of share issue with a solution that would hear" the market and corrupt accepted actice, the prosecution claimed at The d Bailey yesterday.

With reputations at stake, and a huge ancial interest of their companies at art, the advisers chose to deceive the arket over the outcome of the rights sue rather than admit failure, the jury as told. The plan was devised at the ose of the issue on September 28, 987. Professionals to the employment gency decided at a results meeting that ght to disguise the failure of the Brit- in's biggest rights issue, Mr Nicholas urnell, QC, said.

"They put into train, starting that ight and continuing for as long as ight be necessary, a course of conduct that would deceive the market place," Mr Purnell said.

It is alleged that County NatWest, the merchant bank; NatWest Investment Bank, its immediate parent; UBS Phillips and Drew Securities, the broker; and five individuals conspired to defraud the market. The Crown alleges they secretly inflated the result of the issue from 38 per cent take-up of shares to 49 per cent, and also bought huge stakes in the subsequent placing of remaining stock, to complete the deal and to allow them to present the outcome as a success.

Counsel said that both County and Phillips and Drew had massive stakes in the issue as underwriters. Failure of the deal meant their companies were at risk, with the Blue Arrow share price tumbling between an expected 17p as a "conservative" estimate, or as much as 30p. Mr Purnell said the flop of the issue would leave advisers with "astonishing" financial commitments. He said while the defendants said they wanted to do their best by their client and underwriters, it was their own companies that had money at stake. Completing the deal had been a "substantial feather in the caps" of the advisers.

Launching his closing speech on the 160th day of the trial, Mr Purnell said the defendants were confronted at the issue's close with that situation. "Confronted by a loss of their reputation, confronted by the financial implications of a flop — they decided the solution was to cheat."

The 1987 stock market crash had foiled any chance of making money on shares, the court heard, but Mr Purnell said the advisers had undertaken a high-risk strategy because even weeks before the deadline they appreciated there was a chance of failure.

The trial continues on Monday.

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☐ I/We wish to open an International Bond II and enclose a cheque for £________ (min £5,000).

Cheques should be made payable to Bristol & West International Ltd. Please write your name and address clearly on the reverse of your cheque.

I/We would like information on the following: ☐ International Bond II ☐ Guernsey Gross 90 Day Account. ☐ Guernsey Gross Instant Access Account. ☐ Guernsey Monthly Income Account.

NAME (MR/MRS/MS)

ADDRESS TMS/30/11

TELEPHONE

POSTCODE

DATE OF BIRTH

NATIONALITY

Please send to International Bond II, Bristol & West International Ltd 50 High Street St Peter Port, Guernsey Channel Islands. Tel. 0481 720608

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British Telecommunications
public limited company

(incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981 with registered number 1800000)

Offer for sale
by
S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.
on behalf of
The Lords Commissioners of HM Treasury

Under the Combined Offers being made in the UK and elsewhere up to 1,350 million Shares (subject to increase) are available for purchase.

The Combined Offers comprise the UK Public Offer of Shares at the UK Public Offer Price and the International Tender Offer of Shares at the International Tender Offer Price.

Of the UK Public Offer Price, 110p per Share is payable now, 120p is payable by 7th July, 1992 and the balance is payable by 2nd March, 1993.

Of the International Tender Offer Price, 125p per Share is payable now and the balance is payable in instalments of the same amounts and by the same dates as in the UK Public Offer.

THE UK PUBLIC OFFER

The UK Public Offer is being made by means of an offer for sale in the UK and certain other countries. Under the UK Public Offer, completed application forms must be received by 10.00 a.m. on 4th December, 1991. Instructions for return of your Public application form are set out below. The UK Public Offer Price will be 15p less than the International Tender Offer Price, which is expected to be determined on 9th December, 1991. An announcement will be made when it is determined. **The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Applications cannot be revoked pending acceptance by HM Treasury.**

ALLOCATIONS

The basis of allocation of the Shares will be announced prior to the commencement of dealings in Interim Rights. If your application is successful in whole or in part, you will be sent an Interim Certificate for the Shares allocated to you. If there is a heavy demand for Shares, you may be allocated fewer Shares than you applied for or, in some cases, none at all. If no part of your application is accepted, all money paid on application will be returned without interest. If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

DEALINGS

It is expected that dealings in the Interim Rights will commence on the London Stock Exchange at 8.30 a.m. on 9th December, 1991 and that, circumstances permitting, Interim Certificates will be sent to applicants allocated Shares under the UK Public Offer on or before 18th December, 1991. If circumstances require a revised posting plan, an announcement will be made. **Applicants who deal before receipt of an Interim Certificate will do so at the risk of selling Shares for which they have not received an allocation.** The UK Public Offer is not conditional on *dealings commencing* in the Interim Rights.

NO MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON IN THE UK PUBLIC OFFER.

Any application which breaches this rule is a "multiple application". Multiple applications and suspected multiple applications *are liable to be rejected. Criminal* proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising a multiple application for their own benefit, or that of any other person, either solely or jointly with other persons.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION

If you apply for BT Shares in the UK Public Offer you will be agreeing with HM Treasury, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., Lloyds Bank Plc and the Company as set out below.

OFFER TO PURCHASE SHARES

1. You offer to purchase from HM Treasury at the UK Public Offer Price the number of Shares indicated in your application (or any smaller number in respect of which your application is accepted) in the Company on these terms and conditions.
2. You agree that your offer cannot be revoked prior to 8th January, 1992 and promise that the cheque or draft accompanying your application will be honoured on first presentation. HM Treasury agrees that it will not, prior to 8th January, 1992, offer any Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus. This paragraph 2 constitutes a collateral contract between you and HM Treasury. It becomes binding when your application is posted to, or (if delivered) is received by, a receiving bank or it is posted to an address representing, or (if delivered) is received by, a Share Shop which has agreed, in the Share Dealing and Application Agreement, to provide a collection service in relation to application forms, or it is received by a receiving bank.
3. If your application form is not completed correctly or is amended, or if the accompanying cheque or draft is for the wrong amount, it may still be treated as valid. In these circumstances HM Treasury's (or its agent's) decision as to whether to treat your application as valid, and how to construe, amend or complete it, shall be final. You will not, however, be treated as having offered to purchase more Shares than is indicated in your application.
4. Any application may be rejected in whole or in part.

ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR OFFER

5. HM Treasury may accept your offer to purchase (if your application is received, valid, processed and not rejected) either:—

(i) by notifying the London Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case the acceptance will be on that basis); or

(ii) by notifying acceptance to the receiving bank which processed your application.

The acceptance may be of the whole or any part of your offer and, accordingly, the number of Shares you offer to purchase may be scaled down.

6. If HM Treasury accepts your offer to purchase (in whole or in part), there will be a binding contract under which you will be required to purchase the Shares in respect of which your offer has been accepted if, prior to 8th January, 1992, the International Tender Offer Price is determined by HM Treasury and accepted by the Managers by execution and delivery of the Purchase Memorandum contemplated by the International Tender Offer Agreement.
7. You will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance. This does not affect any other rights you may have.

PAYMENT FOR THE SHARES

8. You undertake to pay the purchase price for the Shares in respect of which your offer is accepted in three instalments as described in the Prospectus. The cheque or bankers draft accompanying your application may be presented for payment before acceptance of your offer, but this will not constitute acceptance of your offer, either in whole or in part. The proceeds of this presentation will be held pending acceptance and, if your offer is accepted, and the condition in paragraph 6 above is satisfied, will be applied in discharging the first instalment, which is due upon acceptance. The second instalment is due by 7th July, 1992 and the final instalment by 2nd March, 1993 (and, in each case, for value by 3.00 p.m. on that date). Following payment in full of the purchase price, HM Treasury will arrange for the Shares which you have agreed to purchase to be transferred to you. This transfer will not, however, occur before 9th February, 1993.
9. If your application is invalid, is rejected or is not accepted in full, or if the circumstances described in paragraph 6 above do not occur prior to 8th January, 1992, any proceeds of the cheque or draft accompanying your application (or, if your application is accepted in part, the unused balance of those proceeds) will be refunded to you without interest.
10. HM Treasury may require you to pay interest or its other resulting costs (or both) if the cheque or draft accompanying your application is not honoured on first presentation. If you are required to pay interest, you will pay the amount determined by HM Treasury or its agents to be the interest on the amount of the cheque or draft from the date of acceptance until the date of receipt of cleared funds. The rate of interest will be the then published bank base rate of a clearing bank selected by HM Treasury plus 2 per cent. per annum. HM Treasury may apply part of any payment received from you in paying this interest or other costs. In this event (or if the late payment is for other reasons insufficient) the remainder of the payment will be applied in paying the first instalment in respect of as many Shares as possible. Any balance of the payment remaining will be held by HM Treasury on your behalf and may be applied in paying any other amounts due to HM Treasury. If HM Treasury terminates the agreement to purchase Shares under paragraph 11 below and no other amounts remain due to HM Treasury, the remaining balance will be returned to you (without interest).
11. If your cheque or bankers draft is not honoured on first presentation then, at any time until HM Treasury has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of a Share, HM Treasury may terminate the agreement to purchase that Share. This termination will be effected by notice being despatched to you. In the event of termination you will pay to HM Treasury, on demand, such amount as may be certified on its behalf as being necessary to compensate HM Treasury for the losses, costs and expenses incurred or expected to be incurred as a result of the cheque or draft not being honoured on first presentation and as a result of termination (taking into account any amounts paid under paragraph 10 above and any profit gained on the resale of the Share).
12. If you receive any Interim Certificate in respect of the Shares you have agreed to purchase before HM Treasury has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of those Shares, you shall forthwith return it to the receiving bank from which it was sent.

INSTALMENT AGREEMENT

13. Upon receipt by HM Treasury in cleared funds of the first instalment in respect of any Share for which your offer to purchase has been accepted, you will become a party to, and will be bound by, the Instalment Agreement in respect of that Share. Accordingly, from that date you will be entitled to the benefit of rights attached to that Share in accordance with the terms of the Instalment Agreement. Until that date HM Treasury will remain entitled to the benefit of all rights attached to that Share. Upon your becoming a party to the Instalment Agreement in respect of any Share, the obligation to pay the second and final instalments in respect of that Share, and the obligation to transfer Shares to you, contained in paragraph 8 above, will be replaced by the corresponding obligations in the Instalment Agreement. If, at the date you become a party to the Instalment Agreement, the second or final instalment (or both) has already fallen due and has not been paid, you will be obliged to pay that instalment or those instalments in accordance with the terms of the Instalment Agreement as if you were a Purchaser (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) on the due date for that instalment.

SHARE SHOPS

14. If you apply for Shares in the UK Public Offer on a Share Shop application form, on a Shareholder Share Shop application form or on an Employee application form on which you have selected a Share Shop, your offer to purchase Shares from HM Treasury shall constitute an offer to each of the Share Shops to enter into an agreement with it on the Terms and Conditions of the Share Dealing Service set out in Part 12.
15. Acceptance by HM Treasury (in whole or in part) of your offer under paragraph 5 will also constitute acceptance by each Share Shop of the offer made by you to it pursuant to paragraph 14 so that there will be a binding contract between you and each of the Share Shops if, prior to 8th January, 1992, the condition in paragraph 6 is satisfied.

INCENTIVES

16. If you are eligible and your offer to purchase Shares is accepted, you will be entitled to receive any incentive you may have elected to receive in your application. This entitlement is governed by, and you must comply with, the requirements set out, or referred to, in Part 11.

WARRANTIES

17. You warrant that:—

(i) You are not under the age of majority (18 years of age in the UK) on the date of your application.

(ii) You are not in the United States and you are not, nor are you applying on behalf of, a Canadian person (as defined in Part 11) or an individual, corporation or entity resident in Japan.

(iii) If your application, together with all other applications in the UK Public Offer in which you have an interest or in which any person on whose behalf you are applying has an interest, were accepted in full and, following any agreement by you or any such other person to purchase Shares in the International Tender Offer, taking account of the interests which you or any such other person would have by virtue of such agreement, neither you nor any such person would have an interest (as defined in Article 37 of the Articles of Association of the Company) in shares representing 15 per cent. or more of the share capital of the Company.

(iv) In making your application you are relying only on the Prospectus and not on any other information or representation concerning the Company or the Combined Offers or either of them. You agree that no person responsible for the Prospectus or any part of it will have any liability for any such other information or representation.

(v) If the laws of any place outside the UK are applicable to your application, you have complied with all such laws and none of the parties mentioned in the Introduction to these terms and conditions will infringe any laws outside the UK as a result of the acceptance of your offer to purchase, any offer by you under paragraph 14, any acceptance of that offer under paragraph 15 or any actions arising from your rights and obligations under these terms and conditions, the Instalment Agreement, the Terms and Conditions of the Share Dealing Service (set out in Part 12) and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

18. (i) If the person signing the application is not the applicant, that person warrants that he has authority to do so on behalf of the applicant and that, if that person is not an authorised official of a branch of a UK clearing bank or a Selling Agent or Financial Intermediary, this authority is vested in him by virtue of any power of attorney which (or a copy of which certified by a solicitor) accompanies the application and that (unless he is an Authorised Attorney) he is not signing as attorney more than five other applications in the UK Public Offer.

(ii) If the applicant is a corporation, the person signing the application form warrants that he has authority to do so on behalf of the applicant.

SUPPLY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

19. HM Treasury and its agents shall have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, the cheque or draft accompanying your application, and its processing. If HM Treasury or its agents request any further information about your application you must promptly disclose it to them. Upon your becoming a party to the Instalment Agreement your name(s) will be placed on the Interim Rights Register and, if you pay the instalments and do not transfer those rights, subsequently on the Company's register of members. These registers are open to inspection by the public, who may take copies in return for a prescribed fee. The information supplied in, or in connection with, your application may also be disclosed to HM Government departments (and their agents) concerned with other privatisations and to HM Treasury and its agents and members of the police forces for compiling lists of, and otherwise taking action in respect of, suspected multiple applicants.

NO MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

20. You warrant that the declarations on your application form are true and correct. If they are not, you may be making a multiple application. Any Interim Certificate or returned application monies relating to a person suspected of making a multiple application may be held (without interest) pending investigation.

MISCELLANEOUS

21. The rights and remedies of HM Treasury, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., Lloyds Bank Plc and the Company under these terms and conditions are in addition to any rights and remedies which would otherwise be available to each of them, and the exercise or partial exercise of one will not prevent the exercise of others.
22. All documents and any returned monies will be sent at your risk. They may be sent by post to you at the address shown on the application form. Any cheque will be made payable to you (or the first person named in any joint application).
23. You agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company once the Shares you have agreed to purchase have been transferred to you.
24. Your application, any acceptance of that application and the contract resulting therefrom will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England. For the exclusive benefit of the parties mentioned in the Introduction to these terms and conditions and each of the Share Shops you irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of these matters. This does not prevent an action being taken against you in any other jurisdiction.
25. Reference in these terms and conditions to the Prospectus is to the Prospectus dated 21st November, 1991 issued by S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. relating to the offer for sale in the UK of Shares on behalf of HM Treasury. In these terms and conditions the following words and expressions bear the following meanings: Share Shop application form, Shareholder Share Shop application form and Employee application form mean the respective forms to be sent, as described in Part 11, to the persons described under those headings in Part 11 and include, in the first two cases, other permitted application forms on which appropriate entries have been made selecting or recording the selection of a Share Shop and/or to receive or claim qualifying shareholder status; the Share Dealing and Application Agreement means the agreement dated 8th August, 1991 between HM Treasury and the Share Shops (as amended) relating to the special share dealing service referred to in the Prospectus; the Share Shops mean the eight organisations listed in Part 12; the Managers means the relevant managers referred to in paragraph 6(a) of Part 10; and references to a "Part" are to a Part of the Prospectus. Words defined in the Prospectus and not defined in these terms and conditions have the same meanings in these terms and conditions and in your application form and in the guide to the application form used by you as in the Prospectus. In the case of a joint application, references to you in these terms and conditions are to each of you and your liability is joint and several.
26. Neither S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. nor Lloyds Bank Plc will treat you as its customer by virtue of your making an application for Shares or by virtue of your offer to purchase being accepted. In particular, they will not owe you any duties or responsibilities concerning the price of the Shares or concerning the suitability of the Shares for you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

BY POST

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 AM
ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 1991 AT

Barclays Bank PLC.
New Issues, PO Box 123, Fleetway House,
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TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE
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Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank

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ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 1991 TO ANY
OF THE RECEIVING CENTRES LISTED BELOW
(open only for deliveries by hand)

Aberdeen	Bank of Scotland, 201 Union Street
Belfast	Ulster Bank Limited, Personal Investment Unit, 88/90 High Street
Birmingham	Lloyds Bank Plc, 125 Colmore Row
Bristol	National Westminster Bank PLC, 32 Corn Street
Cardiff	Barclays Bank PLC, 121 Queen Street
Edinburgh	Bank of Scotland, 64 George Street
Glasgow	Bank of Scotland, 110 St. Vincent Street
Guernsey	National Westminster Bank PLC, 35 High Street, St. Peter Port
Isle of Man	National Westminster Bank PLC, 1 Prospect Hill, Douglas
Jersey	Lloyds Bank Plc, 9 Broad Street, St. Helier
Leeds	National Westminster Bank PLC, 8 Park Row
Liverpool	Barclays Bank PLC, 4 Water Street
London	National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, 27 Old Broad Street, EC2 Barclays Bank PLC, New Issues, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, EC4 Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 2nd Floor, Bolsa House, 80 Cheapside, EC2
Manchester	National Westminster Bank PLC, 55 King Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne	Bank of Scotland, 41/51 Grey Street
Norwich	Barclays Bank PLC, Bank Plain
Nottingham	Lloyds Bank Plc, Old Market Square
Plymouth	Barclays Bank PLC, 19 Princess Street
Southampton	Lloyds Bank Plc, 19/21 High Street

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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

1 **Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS).**

Applications may not be made by anyone aged under 18, but you may apply as a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should write your own name and address in Box 1 and put the initials of the child in the designation box. If you make an application for a child in this way, you may also apply separately for your own benefit. Please note that the age of majority in Jersey is 20.

If you are applying for your own benefit, please leave the designation box blank.

If you are applying on behalf of a partnership, firm, trust, association, club or other unincorporated organisation, write your name in Box 1, put the initials of the organisation in the designation box and write the name of the organisation in the first line of the address.

If a corporation is applying, the full name of the corporation should be entered in Box 1.

2 **Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of Shares for which you wish to apply.**

You may only apply for one of the numbers of Shares shown in the table below. Applications for any other number of Shares will be rejected.

Number of Shares for which you can apply	Amount you pay now at 110p per Share	Number of Shares for which you can apply	Amount you pay now at 110p per Share
100	£110	800	£880
200	£220	900	£990
300	£330	1,000	£1,100
400	£440	1,500	£1,650
500	£550	2,000	£2,200
600	£660	2,500	£2,750
700	£770	3,000	£3,300

Above 3,000 Shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications for	in multiples of
3,000 to 5,000 Shares	1,000 Shares
5,000 to 50,000 Shares	5,000 Shares
50,000 to 100,000 Shares	10,000 Shares
over 100,000 Shares	50,000 Shares

3 **Using the table above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount you pay now for the Shares applied for in Box 2.**

Payment for Shares will be in three instalments. The first instalment of 110p per Share is payable now. The second instalment of 120p per Share is payable by 7th July, 1992 and the final instalment is payable by 2nd March, 1993. The amount of the final instalment will be set shortly after the end of the UK Public Offer as explained in Part 2 of the Prospectus and will appear on the Interim Certificate. A reminder in respect of each instalment will be sent in plenty of time.

4 **Sign and date the form in Box 4. Please read carefully the warning below and the declaration in Box 4 before signing.**

> **WARNING**
> **Only one application may be made in the UK Public Offer for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one such application, whether solely or jointly with other persons, or anyone knowingly breaching the terms and conditions of application set out in the Prospectus. Your attention is drawn to Part 11 of the Prospectus and to paragraph 20 of the terms and conditions of application.**

If you are applying for the benefit of someone under the age of 18 (under 20 in Jersey), you, rather than that person, must sign the application form.

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so. In this case, the original of the relevant power of attorney (or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed unless the form is signed by a UK Clearing Bank, Selling Agent or Financial Intermediary in which case the signatory must state the capacity in which he or she signs. Except as set out in Part 11 of the Prospectus, no person may apply as attorney in relation to more than six applications in the UK Public Offer.

Applications made by corporations, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of other persons, must be signed by a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

5 **Attach your cheque to Box 5 with a pin. It should be for the exact amount you have put in Box 3.**

No receipt will be issued.

You may pay for the Shares by personal cheque drawn on your bank or building society account. Alternatively, you may use a cheque or draft from your bank or building society (or a personal cheque drawn by someone else) but then you must write your full name and address on the back.

In each case the cheque must be drawn in sterling and bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. It should be payable to "BT Share Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable".

Any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" payable to the person named in Box 1.

6 You may apply to hold the Shares which you enter in Box 2 jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over (20 or over in Jersey). As joint applicants, they should complete and sign in Box 6. Before signing, they should read carefully the warning in Note 4 and the declaration in Box 4.

The form may be signed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the joint applicant(s), as described in Note 4.

You cannot either apply for an incentive or receive preference in allocation by using this form. If you are eligible to apply for an incentive and to receive preference in allocation, you should use your personalised application form.

H M Treasury is a registered data user under the Data Protection Act 1984 and your attention is drawn to paragraph 19 of the terms and conditions of application set out in the Prospectus dated 21st November, 1991.

PHOTOCOPIES OF APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

BT SHARE OFFER

PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, please read carefully the accompanying guide.

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

1

Title	Forename(s) in full		
Surname		Designation (if any):	A/C

Address

Postcode

2 I offer to purchase ______ **BT Shares**

3 for which the amount now payable is £ ______

4 I make this application for BT Shares in the UK Public Offer on and subject to the terms and conditions of application set out in the Prospectus dated 21st November, 1991. I declare that to my knowledge and/or belief this is the only application in the UK Public Offer being made for my benefit (or that of any person for whose benefit I am applying) and that I have read the warning in Note 4 of the accompanying guide.

Signature

Date 1991

5 ☐ Attach your cheque here with a pin. It should be for the exact amount in Box 3, payable to "BT Share Offer" and crossed **"Not Negotiable". Attach one cheque only.**

6 **JOINT APPLICANTS**

The first applicant should fill in the boxes above. Other persons, applying to hold the Shares jointly with the first applicant, should insert their names in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign in the box below.

I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 4.

Title	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature

Prospect of Polish U-turn on economy alarms West

Disagreement over the future of Warsaw's shock therapy economic policies has made the search for a new prime minister a blundering, month-long affair that is sapping Western confidence in Poland.

It now seems that Poland may make a U-turn in its radical reforms, much to the horror of Western lenders and to the bewilderment of Russia, which is poised to follow Warsaw's Big Bang programme of market change and privatisation.

The Polish elections on October 27 created a splintered parliament with no clear direction. The only point of agreement among the parties appears to be that the policies of Professor Leszek Balcerowicz, finance minister, must be scrapped. Even the defenders of shock therapy admit that important changes have to be introduced, for example, to protect farmers by writing off debts or granting them cheaper credit.

After two years of reform, Poland has thus reached the critical stage of the Thatcher administration when the prime minister had to declare: "The lady is not for turning." Mrs Thatcher, however, had the advantage of an absolute parliamentary majority and, in any case, her shock therapy was far less shocking than that facing Poland.

In two years, unemployment in Poland has risen from zero to more than two million. According to Central Planning Office estimates, it should exceed three million next year.

The first achievements of shock therapy are grudgingly acknowledged by public opinion. Inflation has fallen from almost 700 per cent last year to an anticipated 80 per cent this year. Month-on-month inflation is in low single figures. The domestic market is in rough balance — that is, there are only a few queues. Privatisation has continued apace and foreign reserves are increasing.

This, however, is not enough ammunition to fend off the critics. The private sector may be growing but not fast enough to match the rapid slump in the public sector.

The budget deficit is huge, and investment spending has fallen dramatically. Ordinary Poles are feeling the pinch. Budget cuts mean that schools are turning off heating this winter, medicine prices are being increased and hospitals are closing wards. Few building projects are being started because of the tight money policies, and rents and property prices are soaring. Young farmers are emigrating to the West rather than taking on the heavily indebted farms of their fathers.

The problem is that the dizzying accumulation of tasks — battening down hyper-inflation, privatising state industry, introducing competition, liberalising trade and modernising the banking system — has confused the population, which must cope with shrinking incomes and the scramble to keep jobs.

Poor growth figures are blamed by government apologists on the collapse of Soviet and Comecon markets, which has indeed crippled Polish heavy industry. The statistics show, however, that this shortfall has been more or less balanced by increased sales to the West. The real reason for the length and depth of the recession is slack domestic demand.

A market where demand is lower by a third than two years ago is not particularly attractive to investors

The U-turners — who can be found on both the political right and left — argue that by concentrating on beating inflation, the last two Solidarity governments have made it more difficult to move away from the old Communist structures. Tight money has forced most of state industry into a position of near-bankruptcy. Nor do the factories have any idea how to revive or reform. Who is going to invest capital in a factory that is incapable of meeting its liabilities, that owes money to the state treasury and banks, and that is unable to keep its best employees? Moreover, the selling point of Poland is that it is a huge under-developed market of 40 million people — larger than Hungary and Czechoslovakia put together. Yet a market where demand is lower by a third than two years ago is not particularly attractive to investors.

The more gradualist solutions of Czechoslovakia and Hungary, however, do not really fit the bill — their recession will be more shallow but more protracted. The Russians, advised by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, who kicked off the Polish reforms, are sure that the radical switch to market is the only sensible route for such a large economy.

The question, then, is how to change direction without squandering the undoubted gains of the first two years. The five right-wing Polish parties that want to form the next government are unable to solve this riddle — talking vaguely of more protection for Polish industry. So President Lech Walesa has decided he would rather delay the quest for a government and wait until a coherent alternative to the Balcerowicz programme emerges.

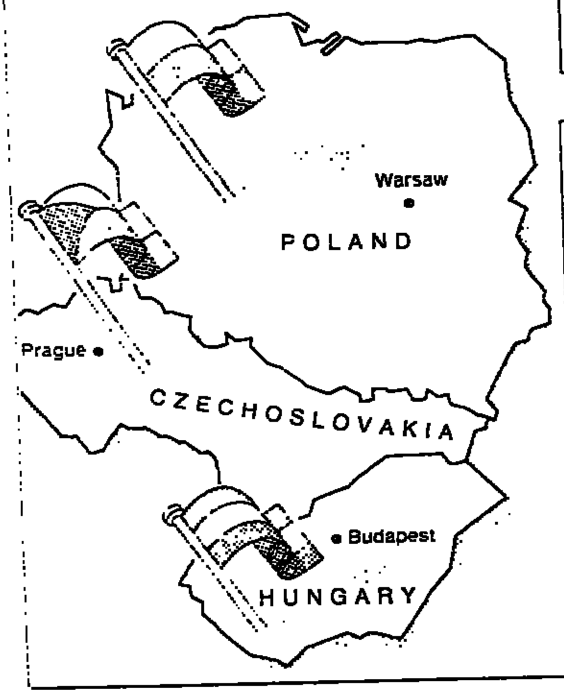
The alternative economics will set new priorities. The Balcerowicz line was that whatever added to inflation was bad, whatever reinforced fiscal constraint was good.

The new line being puzzled out runs as follows: whatever encourages competitive production is critical: everything else (convertible currency, European Community association, even privatisation) is secondary. The disagreement between the U-turners hinges on how far the state should contribute to this shift in priority. Should the state, for example, subsidise interest rates on investment credits?

Professor Balcerowicz gives warning, however, that a return to high inflation is just around the corner. He is resigned to leaving government, but has promised that he will fight his corner — perhaps as head of the national bank — to keep money supply under control.

ROGER BOYES
Warsaw

SHOCK TREATMENT FOR POLAND'S ECONOMY



POLAND

%	1989	1990	1991
Gross domestic product	-0.2	-12	-3.7
Industrial production	-2.5	-28.8	-5.7
Inflation	251	684	80
Unemployment % of workforce	0.3	6.1	7.3

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

%	1989	1990	1991
Gross domestic product	1.4	-3.1	-9.8
Industrial production	1.0	-3.7	-4.5
Inflation	1.4	15	40
Unemployment % of workforce	0	1.0	2.8

HUNGARY

%	1989	1990	1991
Gross domestic product	-0.2	-3.5	-6
Industrial production	-1	-10	-12
Inflation	17.5	28.2	36
Unemployment % of workforce	0.5	1.6	2.9

Accord is 'crucial' for Bond

FROM REUTER IN PERTH

BOND Corporation's survival depends largely on whether agreement is reached over legal action and asset sales with Australian Consolidated Investments, its former subsidiary, according to Peter Lucas, Bond's chairman.

He told the annual meeting that although Consolidated had agreed to support Bond's scheme of arrangement, the two companies were involved in legal action over Consolidated's acquisition of Bond shares in The Nine Network Australia.

Ian Ferrier, the scheme administrator, said the company might be able by March to apply for trading in its shares to resume. The shares have been suspended since December 1989.

Total assets were down to Aus$525 million (£231 million) at the company's June 30 balance date, from Aus$2.2 billion in October 1990. Liabilities had been cut by Aus$1 billion to Aus$2.4 billion. Cash flow was sufficient to cover expenses.

In September, Bond Corporation, once the flagship of Alan Bond, the fallen entrepreneur, reported a loss of Aus$642.49 million for the nine months to June 30.

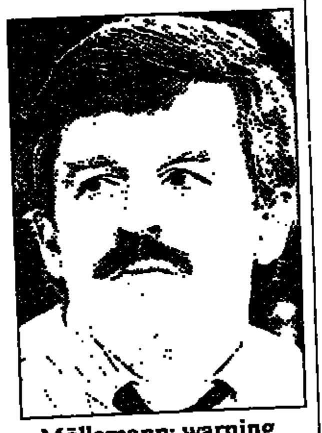
Dutch take hard line on inflation

By COLIN NARBROUGH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

WIM Duisenberg, president of the Dutch central bank, has thrown his weight behind the advocates of keeping Europe's monetary reins tight, despite the economic slowdown in key economies and lower interest rates elsewhere.

His demand that bringing down inflation must be top priority came after a week of comments from European ministers, including Jürgen Möllemann, the German economics minister, that suggested there was no need for the Bundesbank to raise key lending rates and that there could even be scope for easing soon. Provisional data on Thursday, however, showed annual consumer price inflation in western Germany rising to 4.1 per cent from 3.5 per cent in October.

Mr Duisenberg gave a warning that failure to bring down German inflation would be "contagious". He said reversing the upward trend in inflation in Germany and other core members of the European monetary system was the top priority, as inflation at present levels of between 3.5 and 4 per cent was "unacceptable" and provided "no basis for monetary union". Budget deficits also had to be reduced to ensure the smooth integration of the European economies, he said.


Möllemann: warning

He specifically named Germany, whose deficits have ballooned under the impact of unification, Spain, Italy and The Netherlands as countries whose deficits needed particular attention.

He said Germany's budget deficit had been a root cause of inflationary pressure requiring tight monetary policy, which had caused problems for other countries and tension in the EMS. It was therefere "essential" to bring down German inflation through tight monetary policy and a reduction in the German deficit, he said.

FAI stays confident after loss

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

FAI Insurances expects "a significant recovery" in its performance in the current year, Rodney Adler, the managing director, told the annual meeting. Mr Adler did not say whether FAI would return to profit this year after a net loss of Aus$144 million (£63 million) in the year to end-June, but he told reporters: "We hope to return to profitability in fiscal 1993."

The loss, which compared with a profit of Aus$18.24 million a year earlier, included an underwriting loss of Aus$191 million. John Landerer, the chairman, told the meeting results so far this year were in line with company forecasts. Mr Landerer said the result was not acceptable but that FAI had acted to substantially reduce the underwriting loss.

Changes to the underwriting strategy and the management structure appeared to be working but more work was needed, he said. He said the company planned to sell down its property portfolio as soon as market conditions improved.

FAI shares, as low as 49 cents this year, closed 1 cent higher at 67 cents.

Cluff issues to boost Ghanaian pit

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

CLUFF Resources, the gold mining and exploration company, is raising £8.3 million via an 11-for-20 rights issue at 34p, in part to develop the group's mining interests in Ghana. The shares fell 5p to 42p on the news.

The group is forecasting pre-tax profits for the year to end-December of not less than £2.3 million and consolidated profits after tax and minority interests of not less than £750,000. The final dividend to be recommended will be 1p, making a total of 1p for the year, the same as last year.

The group also announced plans to sell its oil and gas interests, which include businesses in France, America and Canada and joint ventures in China, The Netherlands and Oman. The group's oil and gas interests are in the books at £11.6 million, a valuation dependent on the outcome of future exploration and development. Any shortfall in the value will result in an extraordinary charge.

The group said £6 million of the money would be used to develop the Ayanfuri mine, an open pit gold mining operation in Ghana, and the rest will provide the group with the working capital flexibility necessary to finance its current exploration programme.

The Hutchinson Group, which owns 24.6 per cent of Cluff, has undertaken to take up its entire provisional entitlement under the rights issue. The remaining 19.4 million shares have been underwritten by Kleinwort Benson. The issue is subject to shareholder approval at an extraordinary general meeting on December 23.

The group says it plans to develop Cluff as a significant British-based gold producer, building on knowledge and experience gained particularly in Zimbabwe where the group established the Royal Family mine in 1984 and the Freda Rebecca mine, the country's largest single gold mining operation, in 1988.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7630 (–0.0050)
German mark
2.8702 (+0.0122)
Exchange index
90.6 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1840.1 (–16.3)
FT-SE 100
2420.2 (–8.4)
New York Dow Jones
*2894.23 (–5.81)**
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22687.35 (–93.07)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10 11/16-10 9/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 7/32-10 3/16%
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 4 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.35-4.34%*
30-year bonds 100⅝-100 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7648	£: $1.7660*
£: DM2.8730	$: DM1.6270*
£: SwFr2.5360	$: SwFr1.4355*
£: FFr9.8164	$: FFr5.5530*
£: Yen229.59	$: Yen130.05*
£: Index:90.6	$: Index:63.5
ECU £0.709926	SDR £n/a
£: ECU1.408597	£: SDRn/a

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $366.85 pm-$366.30
close $366.20-366.70 (£207.50-208.00)
New York:
Comex $367.05-367.55*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) .... $20.10 bbl ($20.05)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 135.1 October (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"Gone are the days when a Monet could top £10m and a Van Gogh and Renoir break the £40m barrier. Cash and confidence — the two prerequisites of a buoyant art market — are still at an all-time low. For Sotheby's and Christies, the market has become a nightmare . . ."

Business — The Sunday Times tomorrow

STOCK MARKET

Supermarket giants swim against the market tide

THE big food retailers have begun flexing their muscles and making an impression again on City investors after a gloomy period of under-performance.

In a week when the rest of the equity market continued to move lower in nervous trading, the supermarket *chains made the headlines.* One reason was their decision to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas; another was *bumper figures from the* likes of **Argyll**, which owns the Safeway supermarket chain, and **Kwik Save Discount**.

Argyll's share price has risen more than 10 per cent since the company reported a *24 per cent jump in interim* pre-tax profits on Tuesday; while the rest of the equity market has fallen around 2 *per cent. Yesterday, Argyll* surged another 6½p to 286p, making a total rise for the week of 27p. It was Argyll *that launched the Sunday* opening offensive.

Analysts are convinced that the food retailing industry in *Britain has begun to polarise*, with the big three supermarket chains protecting themselves from pressure on *margins by increasing their* market shares at the expense of their smaller rivals.

In the past six months, they have raised more than £1.5 billion to finance expansion programmes.

This view was echoed last night by Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of **Tesco**. He addressed a gathering of analysts and fund managers and seemed to confirm the current trend in food retailing. Brokers described his presentation as upbeat confirming that Tesco would continue aggressively to increase its market share. Mr MacLaurin said pricing had been sensible rather than "cut-throat".

His views benefited the *Tesco share price, which ended* the session 9p better at 236p. **Sainsbury** put on 11p to finish at 346p.

Asda was unchanged at 39p; dealers plainly took the view that it was in danger of losing market share to its rivals. **Kwik Save** also ran into profit taking, losing 3p to end at 569p, while **William Low** slipped 1p to 266p. **Nurdin & Peacock** 4p to 171p and **Iceland** 4p to 400p.

The rest of the equity market spent another nervous ses*sion, with share prices losing* further ground despite a better performance by the pound against the German mark.

A large programme sale carried out overnight by UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, together with Wall Street's faulure to give any lead and the expiry of the November traded options, saw early attempts at a rally cut short. An early 10-point rise in the FT-SE 100 index reversed at one point into a fall of 23 points. However, a steadier start to trading on *Wall Street exerted* a positive influence and prices ended above their worst. The index closed with a loss of 8.4 at *2,420.2.*

Dealers complained that there had been a dearth of buyers in recent weeks. Yes*terday, however, turnover* touched 517 million shares, swollen by various programme trades.

Government securities drew strength from a stronger pound closing with gains of £¼ at the longer end.

***Reuters** firmed 1p to 905p*, ahead of publication of a major review of the company on Monday by BZW. The securi*ties house is expected to fore*cast long-term earnings growth of around 15 per cent a year.

*Shares of **YJ Lovell**, the* construction group, tumbled 64p to 32p after the group announced that it was negoti*ating with its bankers* and would be unable to pay a final dividend after making provisions of £62 million. The news *left **Taylor Woodrow**, which* has a 5 per cent stake in Lovell, 8p down at 144p.

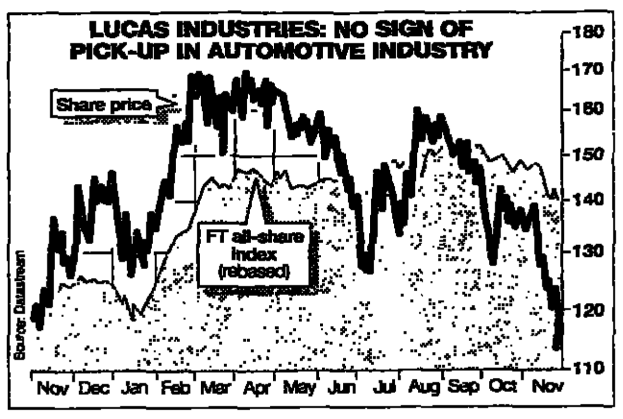
Lucas Industries, the auto*motive and aerospace compo*nents group, fell 7p to 112p in the wake of a profits downgrading by Hoare *Govett, the stockbroker.* Analysts at Hoare Govett have cut their estimate for the current year (to July 1992) by £30 *million to £50 million* and for the following year by £32 million to £80 million.

Hoare says the automotive industry remains depressed and can see little prospect of an upturn. The downgrading at Lucas also left rival **GKN** 13p lower at 291p and **T&N** 5p at 110p.

Shares in **Cluff Resources**, the exploration group headed by Algy Cluff, fell 5p to 42p after the company announced details of a rights *issue to raise £8.3 million.* The terms are 11 new shares for every 20 held; the proceeds will be used to develop *the Ayanfuri Gold Mine* in Ghana.

Cluff's biggest independent shareholder, Hong Kong-based *Hutchison Whampoa*, with a 24.6 per cent stake, has agreed to take up its entitlement.

MICHAEL CLARK



Forte fell 8½p to 240p. Earlier this week, Smith New Court and Nomura followed Kleinwort Benson in cutting their estimates. Now BZW, James Capel, Hoare Govett and UBS Phillips & Drew have followed suit. They had forecast more than £100 million pre-tax. BZW expects £70 million.

RECENT ISSUES

BTR Warrants 1995/96	57	+2
Baillie Gifford Japan Wts	105	–3
Burn Stewart Dist 10p (140)	147	+2
Bute Mining Warrants	2	– ¼
Capital Ventures 1p	83	...
Culver 1p (4)	4	...
Eurotunnel SA 1991 Wts	225	...
Fidelity Euro Values Uts (500)	475	...
Frost Group (235)	275	–1
JIB Group 10p (195)	206	...
Latin Amer Extra Yld (587)	574	+11
M & G Income Inv Cap 1p (28)	17½	– ½
M & G Income Inv Geared Uts	61½	...
M & G Income Inv Inc 1p (44)	44	...
M & G Inc Inv Pack Uts (100)	97	...
Morgan Grenfell Eqty Ut (500)	501	–1
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	41	...
St Davids Zero Div Pf (100)	100½	– ½
Wils Group Warrants	2½	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Arnwoods N/P (100p)	1½	– ½
Brent Chemicals 10p N/P (120)	10	–3
Corporate Services 40p N/P (42)	¼	...
Lowe (Robert H.) 1p N/P (10)	1	...
Molynx 20p N/P (88)	4	...
More O'Ferrall 10p N/P (215)	37	...
PCT Group 10p N/P (125)	10	...
Ross Group 5p N/P (7½)	2	...
Sims Food 5p N/P (252)	30	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Nu-Swift	484p (+11p)
Sothebys	638p (+13p)
British Aerospace	321p (+11p)
Glaxo	762p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Ultramar	311p (–12p)
Lloyds Abbey	353p (–14p)
GKN	291p (–13p)
J Wilkes	163p (–14p)
General Accident	423p (–12p)
Assoc Brit Ports	340p (–14p)
SmithKline	757p (–10p)
TI	540p (–18p)
P&O	439p (–13p)
Enterprise	506p (–11p)
Lasmo	272p (–15p)
Rank Org	632p (–9p)
Chesterfield	450p (–10p)
Greycoat	115p (–10p)
Hammerson 'A'	567p (–10p)
MEPC	440p (–13p)

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TOKYO

Soviet rumours dampen market

Tokyo — *Prices ended down* but above their lows. There had been a rally in the morning, fuelled by buy programs, *but these went into reverse* after futures prices, which had failed to achieve any momentum, slipped back on re*newed rumours of Soviet inst*ability, brokers said.

"People are selling ahead of [mid-December] futures settlement, as they have in the past three weeks," said Rich Brody, a broker at Merrill Lynch. "No one wants to commit to a position, it's too late in the year."

The Nikkei average was down 93.07 points, or 0.41 per cent, to 22,687.35, with an estimated 250 million shares traded.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares exper*ienced their largest drop for* 14 weeks on renewed worries about the market's weak spot, Germany's close economic re*lations with the Soviet Union.*

The Dax index fell 21.59 points to 1,566.57, outstripping the 1.1 per cent slide on *Monday last week.*

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares moved up marginally in lifeless trading. Brokers said fears that America might impose trade sanctions against China helped to dampen sentiment. The Hang Seng index ended 4.19 points higher at 4,149.8.

☐ **Singapore** — Uncertainty *about Wall Street's direction,* combined with a mixed showing on the Tokyo exchange, restricted activity. Most insti*tutional investors stayed on* the sidelines, unwilling to take fresh positions ahead of the weekend, brokers said.

Turnover on the main board and in the over-the-counter market remained thin at 24.6 million shares, against the previous day's 23.99 million.

☐ **Sydney** — The market floated higher in listless trading. Brokers blamed lack of interest on the previous day's holiday on Wall Street. The *all-ordinaries index closed* one point higher at 1,605.7.

WALL STREET

Pressure on Dow

New York — American blue chip stocks continued under moderate pressure, moving in a narrow range, in slow mid-morning activity.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 5.81 at 2,894.23, after going as high as 2,900; the low point was 2,887. *Losers outpaced* gainers by seven to four on turnover of about 19 million shares.

"This is a holiday weekend, so there are few players anxious to step up to the plate," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president at Reich and Co. He forecast continued light volume. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 29 midday	Nov 28 close
AMP Inc	51¼	51⅝
AMR Corp	58⅞	59
Abbott Labs	57¼	57¾
Aetna Life	37¼	37⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	14	14⅛
Air Prod & Chem	65⅞	64½
Albertson's	34	34⅛
Alcan Alumnm	19⅛	19½
Alco Standard	33¼	33⅜
Allied Signal	38⅝	39
Alum Co of Am	57⅞	56¾
Amax	18⅝	19
Amerada Hess	47⅞	47⅝
Amer Brands	38⅝	38¼
Amer Cyanamid	53⅝	54⅝
Amer El Power	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Express	19¼	18¾
Amer Genl Corp	41⅛	41¼
Amer Home Pr	74¼	75
Amer Intl	80⅝	80½
Amer Stores	29⅝	28¾
Amer T & T	36	36¼
Ameritech	59¾	60¼
Amoco	47⅜	47⅝
Anheuser-Busch	52⅞	53
Apple Computer	51	51
Archer Daniels	27⅜	28
Arkla	14⅜	14⅝
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrong Wrld	24¾	25
Asarco	21⅝	21½
Ashland Oil	27¾	28¼
Atl Richfield	102¼	104
Auto Data Pro	37	37⅝
Avery Dennison	21⅛	21⅜
Avon Products	39¾	40⅝
Baker Hughes	18½	18⅝
Baltim Gas & El	33	32⅞
Banc One	43¾	43⅝
BankAmerica	31⅞	31½
Bank of NY	28½	28⅝
Bankers Tr NY	60⅝	60⅝
Barnett Bks Fl	28⅜	28⅝
Bausch & Lomb	51⅝	51½
Baxter Intl	36¼	36½
Becton Dicknsn	58⅝	58⅛
Bell Atlantic	45⅛	45¼
BellSouth	46¼	46¼
Black & Decker	15⅝	15¼
Block (H&R)	34⅛	34
Boeing	44⅜	44⅛
Boise Cascade	21⅝	21⅛
Borden Inc	30	30⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	78¾	77⅜
Browning Ferris	17¼	17⅜
Burlington Nthn	35¾	36¼
CBS	133	133½
CNA Financial	89½	89½
CPC Intl	81⅛	80¼
CSX	48⅝	48⅝
Campbell Soup	77⅝	78⅝
Can Pacific	15½	15⅛
Cpt Cities ABC	379	379¾
Cpl Holdings	49⅝	49⅝
Carolina Pwr	49⅝	49⅝
Caterpillar	41⅜	40
Central & SW	51⅜	51½
Champion Intl	23¼	23⅝
Chase Manhat	15	15⅝
Chemical Bk	21⅛	21⅝
Chevron Corp	67	67¼
Chrysler	11¼	11¼
Chubb Corp	65⅝	66¼
Cigna Corp	52¼	52¼
Citicorp	10½	10⅝
Clorox	37	37⅜
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅞
Coca Cola	69⅝	69⅝
Colgate Palm	42	42¼
Columbia Gas	18¼	18⅝
Commonw Ed	41⅝	42
Compaq Comp	23⅜	24
Comp Ass Intl	9⅝	9⅝
Conagra	45¼	44½
Cons Edison	26	26⅛
Cons Nat Gas	41⅜	41⅝
Cons Rail	70⅝	70⅝
Cooper Inds	50⅝	51¼
Corning Inc	76	75⅝
Crown Cork	82⅜	83¼
Dana Corp	25⅛	25¼
Dayton Hudson	57⅝	58
Deere	48⅝	48⅝
Delta Air Lines	56⅝	57⅛
Deluxe Corp	37⅜	37½
Detroit Edison	33⅜	33½
Digital Equip	63¼	63⅜
Dillard Dept St	126	127⅝
Disney (Walt)	104⅞	104¼
Dominion Res	56⅛	56
Donnelley (RR)	46⅝	47½
Dover Corp	35	35
Dow Chemicals	49	49¼
Dow Jones	23⅝	23½
Dresser	17⅛	18¼
Duke Power	31¼	31⅜
Dun & Bradstreet	48⅝	48⅛
Du Pont	44⅜	45
Eastman Kodak	46⅝	46⅝
Eaton Corp	56⅛	57½

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Emerson Elec	47¼	47⅛
Enron Corp	72½	71⅝
Entergy Corp	27⅜	27⅜
Ethyl Corp	23⅝	23¼
Exxon	58⅝	58⅝
FMC Corp	46⅛	46⅛
FPL Group	34¼	34⅜
Federal Express	34⅛	35⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	56⅝	56¼
First Chicago	23	23⅜
First Interstate	27¼	28
First Union Rlty	8⅞	8¼
FleetNorstar	20⅝	20⅞
Fluor Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Ford Motor	24⅛	24
GTE Corp	31¼	31¼
Gannett	37⅝	37⅝
Gap Inc Del	52⅝	53¼
Gen Cinema	17½	17½
Gen Dynamics	48⅝	48⅝
Gen Electric	65¼	65½
Gen Mills	65⅛	66
Gen Motors	30⅝	30½
Gen Reinsurance	88⅝	88¼
Gen Signal	49⅝	50
Genuine Parts	43⅛	43¼
Georgia Pac	47	47
Gillette	42⅝	42⅝
Goodrich (BF)	37	37¼
Goodyear Tire	48	48½
Grace (WR)	38⅝	38⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26½	26½
Great Wstn Fin	14½	14⅝
Halliburton	29⅝	30⅛
Heinz (HJ)	37⅛	37¼
Hercules	43¼	43⅝
Hershey Foods	38¼	38¼
Hewlett Packard	48⅝	48⅞
Hilton Hotels	38⅝	39
Home Depot	60	59⅝
Homestake	15⅛	16
Honeywell	59¾	57½
Household Intl	41⅛	41¼
Houston Inds	41⅛	41
Humana	24¼	24¼
ITT Corp	51½	52½
Illinois Tool	62⅞	63⅜
INCO	30⅝	30½
Ingersoll Rand	44⅛	43¼
Inland Steel	19¼	19⅝
Intel Corp	41⅛	41⅛
IBM	93⅝	94¼
Intl Flav & Fr	89¼	89
Intl Paper	66⅝	67½
James River Va	18½	18⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	96⅝	95¼
K Mart	38⅝	38¼
Kellogg	107	106⅝
Kerr-McGee	37⅜	38
Kimberly-Clark	92⅝	93
Knight-Ridder	44⅜	45⅜
Lilly (Eli)	73⅛	73⅝
Limited Inc	24⅝	24⅝
LIN Brdcstng	62⅞	62½
Lincoln Nat	51⅝	51¼
Litton	88½	89
Liz Claiborne	37⅝	37⅛
Lockheed Corp	43⅞	43¼
Louisiana Pac	37⅝	38
MCI Commun	27⅜	27⅛
Manuf Hanover	24	24⅛
Marriott	15⅛	15⅜
Marsh & McLen	72⅞	71⅝
Martin Marietta	54	53⅝
Masco Corp	19⅝	20⅛
May Dept St	50⅝	51¼
Maytag Corp	13½	13⅜
McDonalds	33⅜	33⅝
McDonnell D	70⅝	70⅛
McGraw Hill	51⅛	51⅛
Mead Corp	30½	30⅝
Medtronic	75¼	75
Mellon Bk	32½	32⅝
Melville Corp	41⅛	41⅜
Merck Inc	144½	143⅞
Merrill Lynch	47⅛	48¼
Minnesota Mine	86⅛	87¼
Mobil Corp	65⅞	65¼
Monsanto	61⅛	62⅞
Morgan (JP)	60⅛	60
Motorola Inc	59¼	59⅝
Natl Medical	12⅝	13
Natl Semi	5⅛	5½
Natl Service Ind	20⅝	20⅝
Navistar Int	2⅝	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	39⅝	40
NCNB Corp	34⅛	34⅛
NY Times A	19¼	19⅝
Newmont Mng	40½	40⅜
Niag Mohawk	17⅝	17⅝
Nike B	58⅝	58⅝
NL Industries	10	10⅛
Nordstrom	35	36
Norfolk Sthrn	56	56⅝
Nthn State Pwr	41⅛	41¼
Norwest Corp	29⅝	30½
Nynex Corp	75⅝	75⅝
Occidental Pet	19⅝	19⅝
Ohio Edison	20¼	20⅝
Oracle Systems	13½	13⅝

	Nov 29 midday	Nov 28 close
Oryx Energy Co	20⅞	20⅞
PNC Financial	42	42½
PPG Industries	45⅞	46
Paccar Inc	46⅛	47
Pacificorp	23½	23⅝
Pac Enterprises	24½	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	31⅛	31¼
Pac Telesis	39½	39¼
Pall Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Panhandle East	15⅝	15½
Paramount Comm	37⅝	38
Parker Hannifin	29⅝	29⅛
Penney (JC)	49⅛	49¼
Pennzoil	58	58½
Pepsico	29½	29⅝
Pfizer	66⅛	66¼
Phelps Dodge	67¼	67½
Philadel Elec	24⅝	24¼
Philip Morris	67⅝	68⅛
Phillips Pet	22⅝	22⅝
Pitney Bowes	58⅝	58⅝
Polaroid	25	25¼
Price Co	55½	55⅛
Primerica	32⅜	33
Procter & Gmbl	80⅝	81⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	28⅝
Quaker Oats	68¼	68¼
Ralston Purina	52¼	52⅞
Raychem Corp	32	32
Raytheon	79¼	79⅝
Reebok Intl	27½	27⅛
Reynolds Metals	49⅝	49¼
Roadway Srvcs	52¼	52⅛
Rockwell Intl	25⅛	25⅛
Rohm & Haas	38½	39⅛
Royal Dutch	78	78½
Rubbermaid	59⅛	59½
Safeco Corp	42⅞	42⅞
St Paul's Cos	67	66¼
Salomon Inc	27½	27⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	10⅝	10½
Sara Lee Corp	49⅝	49¼
Seacorp	45¾	45½
Schering Plough	57½	58
Schlumberger	60¼	60⅝
Scott Paper	32¼	33½
Seagram	112⅝	111⅝
Sears Roebuck	35⅝	36
Sec Pacific	25	25¼
Shell Trans	51⅛	53
Sherwin Wlms	21½	22⅝
Skyline Corp	14½	14⅝
Snap-On-Tools	30⅝	30¼
Southern Co	31½	31⅝
Swestern Bell	57½	57½
Stanley Works	36⅞	37⅜
Sun Company	27	27¼
Suntrust	33	33¼
Super Valu	26	26
Syntex Corp	38½	38¼
Sysco Corp	40⅛	40⅞
TRW Inc	35⅝	35⅝
Tandem Comp	9⅝	9¼
Tandy Corp	26	26⅝
Telecom Corp	1	1
Teledyne	20½	20½
Temple Inland	41¼	42⅝
Tenneco	33⅜	34¼
Texaco	58⅝	58¼
Texas Inst	27⅝	28¼
Texas Utilities	40¾	41¼
Textron	37¼	37½
Time Warner	82⅝	83
Times-Mirror	27¼	27¼
Timken	23⅜	23⅜
Torchmark	52¼	52⅝
Toys R Us	28⅝	28½
Transamerica	38⅝	38⅞
Travelers Corp	18⅞	19¼
Tribune	37	37⅛
Tyco Labs	31¼	31½
UAL Corp	123½	123⅝
UST Inc	53⅝	54
USX Marathon	27⅝	28
Unilever NV	91⅛	92½
Union Camp	45⅝	46¼
Union Carbide	17½	17½
Union Pacific	44⅞	44⅛
Unisys Corp	3⅝	3¾
USAIR Group	10⅛	10¼
USF&G Corp	6⅛	6⅛
US Life	43⅝	43⅝
US West	34	34
United Tech	47¼	48
Utd Telecomms	23⅛	23¼
Unocal Corp	22⅝	22¼
Upjohn	39½	39⅝
VF Corp	35¼	35¼
Wal-Mart Stores	48⅛	48⅝
Warner-Lambert	68⅜	68⅛
Waste Mngmnt	36	36¼
Wells Fargo	56⅛	57¼
Westinghouse El	15⅜	15⅛
Weyerhaeuser	23½	24
Whirlpool	34⅛	33½
Whitman	12½	12⅝
Winn Dixie	35½	36
Woolworth	25½	25⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	62½	62¼
Xerox	62⅛	61⅛

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE				
Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	302.60	320.30	– 2.40	...
Series Equity	382.10	404.40	– 4.60	...
Series Prop Fd	385.70	408.20	+ 0.50	...
Series Fixed Int	245.00	259.30	– 0.60	...
Series Money Fd	219.00	231.80	+ 0.30	...
Series Oseas Fd	219.40	232.20	– 2.30	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.67	16.50	+ 0.02	...
Bear	14.98	15.77	– 1.13	...
Owl	14.68	15.46	– 0.12	...
Bull	13.50	14.22	– 0.06	...
Stag	14.20	14.95	– 0.07	...
Gilt Edged	14.73	...	– 0.10	...
Deposit	13.93	...	+ 0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	20.12	21.18	+ 0.04	...
Bear	19.08	20.09	– 0.15	...
Owl	18.75	19.74	– 0.16	...
Bull	16.38	17.25	– 0.06	...
Stag	16.62	17.50	– 0.06	...
Gilt Edged	17.42	...	– 0.11	...
Deposit	17.01	...	+ 0.03	...
Exempt App Mnd	175.15	178.73	– 0.79	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	426.26	426.27	– 3.58	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	252.86	266.17	– 2.72	...
N Amer Equity	216.52	227.92	+ 2.59	...
Far East Equity	298.41	314.12	– 3.44	...
Fixed	228.52	240.55	– 1.63	...
Cash Deposit	177.73	187.09	+ 0.24	...
Property	95.38	100.41	– 0.06	...
Special Opp	278.13	292.77	– 0.57	...
Managed	219.76	231.33	– 1.68	...
Index-Linked Fd	157.10	165.37	– 0.47	...
ABBEY LIFE				
Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	263.90	277.80	...	...
-do- Acc	449.20	472.90	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	129.60	136.50	– 1.40	...
-do- Acc	159.00	167.40	– 1.80	...
Selective Fd	365.30	384.60	– 2.90	...
Money Fd	322.50	339.50	+ 0.50	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	359.30	378.30	...	...
Equity Ser 4	161.60	170.20	– 1.50	...
Man Ser 4	476.00	501.10	– 2.50	...
Conv Ser 4	284.80	299.80	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	284.60	299.60	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	269.90	284.20	+ 0.40	...
American Ser 4	341.60	359.60	+ 3.20	...
High Inc Ser 4	479.90	505.20	– 6.50	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	160.10	168.60	– 1.20	...
Japan Ser 4	282.10	297.00	– 0.80	...
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1168.8	1230.3	–11.80	...
European Fd Acc	245.00	257.80	– 4.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	405.80	427.10	+ 0.90	...
Gtd Money Acc	290.90	306.10	+ 0.50	...
Intl Managed Acc	405.30	426.60	– 1.40	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	244.60	257.40	+ 3.10	...
Japan Fund	240.00	252.60	+ 1.50	...
N American Acc	218.30	229.70	+ 1.50	...
Prop Fd Acc	340.20	358.00	+ 0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	766.00	806.30	– 4.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	325.30	342.50	+ 0.40	...
Equity Acc	993.50	1045.8	– 5.60	...
Property Acc	487.40	513.10	+ 0.30	...
Far East Acc	197.70	208.20	+ 2.60	...
Managed Capital	417.40	439.40	– 0.40	...
-do- Acc	780.30	821.40	– 2.30	...
Overseas Acc	698.90	735.70	– 7.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	371.70	391.30	+ 2.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	533.20	561.30	+ 5.00	...
Amer Man Acc	239.20	251.80	+ 3.60	...
Amer Prop Acc	126.20	132.90	+ 4.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	616.70	649.20	– 6.30	...
-do- Initial	452.60	476.50	– 4.50	...
Gilt Edged Acc	286.70	301.80	– 1.00	...
-do- Initial	212.20	223.40	– 0.80	...
International Acc	271.60	285.90	– 0.80	...
-do- Initial	199.70	210.30	– 0.60	...
Managed Acc	386.60	407.00	– 2.70	...
-do- Initial	284.90	299.90	– 2.00	...
Money Acc	253.80	267.20	+ 0.40	...
Property Acc	281.30	296.20	+ 0.30	...
-do- Initial	205.80	216.70	+ 0.10	...
America Acc	183.10	192.80	+ 2.50	...
Australia Acc	157.60	165.90	– 1.60	...
Financial Acc	207.40	218.40	– 1.90	...
500 Accum	317.90	334.70	– 3.10	...
Japan Genl Acc	279.30	294.10	– 0.30	...
Income Acc	365.20	384.50	– 4.50	...
Leisure Acc	177.90	187.30	– 3.10	...
Special Sits Acc	144.60	152.30	– 2.90	...
Univ Tech Acc	96.90	102.00	– 0.50	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	579.22	579.22	– 5.60	...
Income Fund	558.29	587.68	– 2.54	...
Extra Income	504.98	531.56	+ 0.49	...
Worldwide Gth	349.47	367.87	+ 0.34	...
Balanced Fund	490.20	516.00	– 1.45	...
Smlr Cos Recov	516.46	543.65	–20.61	...
Intl Technology	316.91	333.59	– 1.38	...
N Amer & Genl	276.04	290.57	– 0.46	...
Energy Intl Fd	114.86	120.91	– 0.75	...
Pacific Basin	267.21	281.28	– 0.49	...
German Growth	166.61	175.38	– 0.33	...
Japan Growth	135.50	142.64	– 0.64	...
The UK Gth Fd	170.72	179.71	+ 1.80	...
Contl Euro Gth	82.06	86.38	– 0.31	...
Property Fund	333.62	351.18	+ 3.80	...
Fixed Interest	244.81	257.70	– 1.70	...
Cash Fund	247.99	261.05	+ 0.33	...
Managed Inv	360.46	379.44	– 3.36	...
Nth Amer Recov	170.84	179.84	– 1.10	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	297.85	313.53	– 2.14	...

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WEEKEND MONEY

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Checking out cheque frauds

COMMENT

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Millions of cheques are made out and posted every day, without a second thought. Most reach their destination. But some never reach the recipient because they have been stolen and paid into someone else's account. All the thief needs to do is endorse the back of the cheque with a scrawl, which could be the recipient's signature. Banks have no legal duty to examine the signature on the back of the cheque and no legal liability.

Those who read this with horror do so rightly. Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, in his annual report this week, renewed his call for a tightening up of the wording on cheques to help prevent fraud. He said in last year's report that he hoped the government would bring in legislation to make cheques non-transferable. He had hoped that a form of bank payment order should be introduced that would be non-transferable, with the proceeds collected by a bank solely for the account of the named payee. A watered down alternative was to give legal force to the words "account payee" that would make cheques non-transferable. Nothing has been done.

Next week, more than a year after those comments, the Consumers' Association will finally succeed in introducing a private member's bill. This would give legal force to the words "account payee" or "account payee only" on cheques. Banks, which accept cheques fraudulently endorsed on the back, will be liable.

This would be an important and welcome change. In the meantime, the banking ombudsman and the CA are continuing to advise people that they should send cheques through the post made out to "John Bull only" rather than just "John Bull". They should delete the words "or order" and initial the deletion, then write the words "not transferable" between the two vertical lines on the cheque. Banks continue to reject Mr Shurman's arguments, saying that cheques would no longer be negotiable instruments. But, as Mr Shurman says, this is the very result most customers wish to achieve. They do not want the long-awaited cheque for the tax rebate to be a negotiable instrument; they want it to arrive safely on the doostep and pay it into their account.

The Inland Revenue has become an important ally in the fight against cheque fraud, advising taxpayers to mark cheques to prevent them being cashed by someone with no right to the money. The Revenue has a particular reason to know that cheque fraud is a big problem. Cheques with a face value of £7.6 million, on their way to the Revenue, were stolen by casual Post Office sorting workers and nearly £2 million of this was cashed or paid into bank accounts fraudulently.

Banks picked up most of the tab for this, admitting they had not made the requisite checks. But waiting for fraud to happen, then paying out is a ridiculously expensive method of fraud prevention. Customers should now be offered the option of books of non-negotiable cheques. The large clearing banks need to follow the example of Save & Prosper, which has issued cheque books carrying the words "only" rather than or order. If the CA's bill becomes law, cheque books should be offered with the words "account payee," unless customers choose otherwise. Until the bill becomes law, customers will have to protect themselves.

Saving graces

National & Provincial is planning to pay out £15 million in extra interest, after encouraging savers to change to higher paying accounts. This is money well spent. The society reckons that 25 per cent of its savers are in accounts that have been closed and which pay very small rates of interest. It intends to spend the next few months encouraging them to move into accounts paying better rates. A free helpline has been set up and a press advertising campaign, to make people aware that they could be losing out, started this week. Those calling the helpline will be sent a self-assessment form to analyse what they want out of a building society account.

What most people want, as N&P has realised, is to get as much interest as possible on their money. Savers who still have £500 in the redundant, ordinary share account, which pays a measly 2.62 per cent net, 3.5 per cent gross could earn as much as 6.75 per cent net, 9 per cent gross in an instant reserve account. Those with money in the ordinary share account or in the instant access account, also closed to new savers, should pay particular attention to the campaign.

Savers should take the opportunity they are being offered and make their money work for them.

Advisers prepare their clients for a tougher tax regime after a change of government

Setting out Labour's financial wares

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BY THIS time next year, Britain may be run by a Labour government for the first time since 1979. The latest opinion poll yesterday, by NOP for *The Independent*, showed Labour leading the Tories by one point.

Last month's MORI poll for the *Sunday Times* put Labour six points ahead of the Conservatives. This month's poll will appear in tomorrow's *Sunday Times*.

The Labour party has been issuing a series of policy statements outlining its proposals on taxation, pensions, privatisation and home ownership over the past year. In its latest policy document, *Opportunity Britain*, it proposes "a fundamental reform of the tax system" including national insurance contributions.

It also intends reviving the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme (Serps) and increasing employee participation in company pensions. Those threatened with repossession of their homes will be able to apply to a public mortgage rescue scheme.

Proposals to renationalise privatised industries have been diluted, but Labour is committed to taking back control of water and the national electricity grid. Labour has made no secret that it wants the highest-paid sector of the population to pay more tax and national insurance. The present system of inheritance tax is also a target for change.

Financial advisers are telling their clients to reorganise their financial affairs now to take account of a possible Labour administration.

HOME OWNERSHIP

PLANS for a mortgage rescue scheme for homeowners threatened with repossession were aired again this week in an opposition debate on housing.

A key element of such a scheme would be a central government subsidy, which could initially be £100 million. Labour has not yet decided where this money will come from.

A spokeswoman for Clive Soley, the shadow housing minister, said: "People whose homes are repossessed should not be evicted because this only means that they end up in local authority homes."

Families in serious financial difficulty would have their homes bought by a housing association with help from central government and would stay on as tenants.

Others could own part of their home while a housing association bought the rest. In other cases, where people needed time to pay, the building society would take possession of the house but let the former owners stay on as tenants.

Lenders are cautious about this plan until it has been costed out in much more detail.

They are also waiting for more information on Labour's proposal in "*Meet the Challenge, Make the Change*", that tax relief on mortgage interest will be brought forward to help homebuyers in the early years. This relief is administered by lenders.

Gary Marsh, head of research at the Halifax, the largest building society, said: "We haven't yet seen any firm methodology and the administration needs to be kept simple otherwise it will cost more than it is worth."

He estimated that bringing forward some of this relief would not make much difference to the housing market overall because although it would bring down the costs marginally in the early years, it would catch up with people later on.

TAXATION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

THE top rate of tax on earnings under a Labour government will be 50 per cent instead of the present 40 per cent, and there will also be a tax band lower than the present 25 per cent, yet to be set. The levels of income at which the bands will apply will be set by a Labour chancellor in his or her first Budget, but changes are likely to be phased in gradually.

However, all income would also be subject to national insurance contributions of a further 9 per cent. At the moment, employees have to pay contributions on only the first £390 a week or £20,280 a year of their earnings. The Institute of Fiscal Studies has calculated that abolishing this upper earnings limit would add £64.80 to the annual tax bill of someone earning £21,000 a year. On a £30,000 salary the extra would be £874.80; on £40,000 it would be £1,774.80; and on £60,000, £3,574.80.

The changes will affect just over 12 per cent of full-time employees who earn more than £390 a week, the Institute said. Around 4 per cent earn more than £30,000 a year and "considerably less than 2 per cent earn more than £40,000".

Paul Johnson, research officer at the Institute said, however, that making everyone pay National Insurance contributions was "an extremely sensible thing to do because it seems ridiculous that higher paid people are paying lower marginal rates of tax".

Labour is also proposing to impose a 9 per cent surcharge on unearned income so that it is treated the same as earned income. There will be an exemption of £3,000 for private investors and a higher exemption of £5,000 for pensioners.

Margaret Beckett, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, said this would apply to any investment income which is already taxed, including share dividends, income from unit trusts and investment trusts and income from building society accounts.

PEPS

THE tax breaks on personal equity plans (Peps) are likely to be abolished by a Labour government which wants to get rid of such relief, particularly for higher-rate taxpayers.

Labour has said that it will stop sales of new Peps although plans already in force will not lose their tax relief. At the moment, both income and capital gains from Peps are free of tax.

Marjorie Mowlam, the Labour party's City spokeswoman, said: "We would obviously let Pep holders continue with their policies but we would not continue the tax relief to Peps, so that would be one change we would make."

If there is a general election on April 9, considered by some to be the most likely date, investors who want to take out Peps at the beginning of the next financial year on April 6 should be ready to put in the maximum allowed. They should also use up their maximum allowances for this year until next April.

From January 1, planholders will be allowed to invest another £3,000 in a single-company Pep as well as £6,000 in an ordinary Pep. These limits could be raised if there is a Conservative budget before the election. Investors may take out only one of each sort of plan a year.

IHT

LABOUR is planning a radical overhaul of inheritance tax on several fronts.

One proposal is to tax people who receive gifts rather than those who make them. At the moment, people can make gifts without having to pay tax so long as they live for at least another seven years. David Rothenburg of Blick Rothenburg, the chartered accountant, predicted that changing the regime would stop lifetime gifts.

Another proposal is to tax beneficiaries according to the accumulated amount they have received in bequests.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

MARGARET Beckett, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, denied this week that Labour had decided what changes, if any, it would make to the level of capital gains tax exemption — at present £5,500 per individual.

The level was something to be discussed, she said, and emphasised that there was no truth in reports that the party had already fixed on an exemption of £1,000.

However, in its policy document, "Meet the Challenge, Make the Change", Labour says: "Those who receive capital gains have an extraordinary and quite unjustified privilege in our tax system in that they pay no tax at all on the first £5,000 of their capital gains. For a married couple this can mean joint privilege of up to £10,000 each year. This is unfair in light of the much smaller personal allowance which can be set against income."

Capital gains will be taxed in the same way as income, Labour says, although it has not yet decided whether to impose a 9 per cent national insurance surcharge as with income.

PENSIONS

ONE of the first actions of a Labour government will be to increase state pensions by £5 for single people, £8 for a couple. The basic pension will also be increased, using as a guide either the price or the earnings index, whichever is the higher. At the moment, pensions cannot be raised by more than 5 per cent.

Michael Meacher, shadow social security secretary, spelt out Labour's proposals in a speech to the National Association of Pensions Funds last week. According to Mary Walker, his senior researcher, he plans to "restore the cutting edge" of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps). Assessment will once again be based on the best 20 years of earnings, to help people who take a career break, or manual labourers whose income tends to decrease as they grow older.

On occupational pension schemes, Ms Walker says Labour will end the 2 per cent "bribe" to opt out, and will not allow people to opt out unless the private scheme offers equivalent guarantees to Serps. The occupational pensions net will also be widened to include people like part-timers and the low-paid.

Pensions administrators will be required to emphasise the difference between guaranteed and expected benefits, and to devise a way of making comparisons between Serps and private plans easier. There will also be new legislation requiring accrued pension benefits to be split between spouses on divorce.

The equal-age retirement nettle will also be grasped — but gingerly. Ms Walker says women will not be required to retire beyond 60. That, logically, would mean allowing men to retire at 60 too, but the means to that particular end have yet to be worked out.

PRIVATISATIONS

NOW that the flotation of BT II looks certain to go ahead, Labour has a serious plans for just two renationalisation projects. One is the National Grid, owned by the 12 regional electricity boards. The other is a long-term plan to buy back the water boards.

The party has not specified exactly how it intends to finance the acquisition of the National Grid. But Geoff Mulgan, senior research assistant to Gordon Brown, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said: "There will be no need for cash. We will make use of the complex web of debts and stakes in other generating companies. There will be no increase in the PSBR."

Buying back the water companies was much more a long-term, project, he said. It would not happen until regional governments had been set up in England, because they would be responsible for the newly renationalised boards. "I can't say how we will do it. The uncertainties that exist here would make it foolish of me to be more specific."

Steve Doe, an analyst at Smith New Court, the securities house, said: "Water shares are definitely reflecting concern about the political situation, specifically, I suspect, the outcome of the next election. They have underperformed during most of 1991, despite recent nerves about the general economy."

However, Mr Doe said, many of the privatised stocks were also nervous ahead of the government's Utilities Bill, which should result in a general tightening of regulations.

Mr Doe doubts that Labour will be much tougher than the Conservatives in this area. Labour disagrees. It accuses the Utilities Bill of doing too little too late, and promises it will allow ombudsmen to impose fines.

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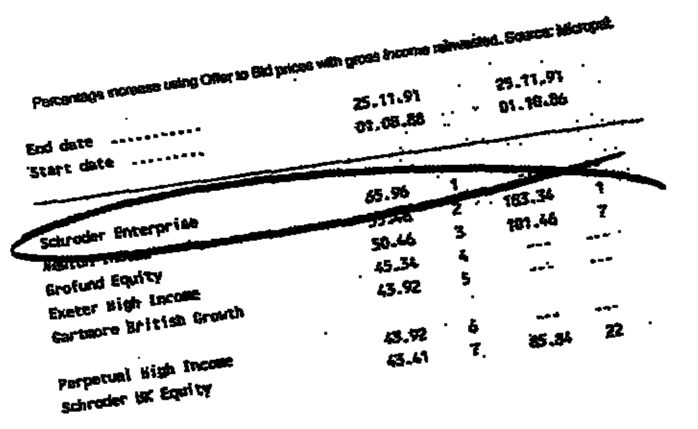

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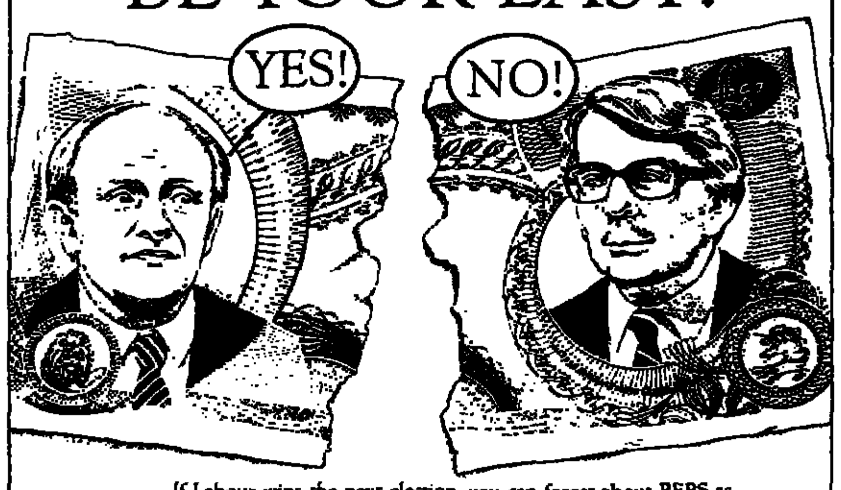

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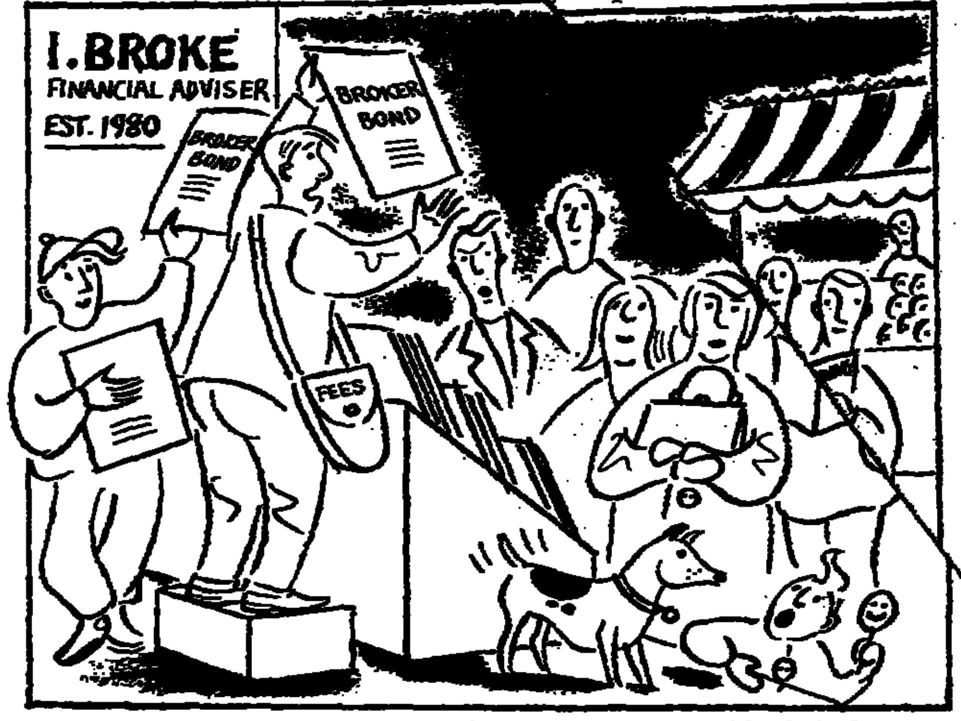
Broker brands back in play

Rupert Bruce recommends caution when investing in funds marketed and run by supposedly impartial advisers



HIGH street financial advisers are once again marketing funds stamped with their own brand. But while they are keen to sell them, the funds are *generally expensive and* do not perform particularly well.

City regulators intended to ban these so-called broker funds a couple of years ago, but changed their minds after pressure from the people who run them.

Now an independent financial adviser, who is theoretically impartial, can sell a fund which he manages and get an extra *fee. This is despite the* badly named "best advice" rule which in fact only requires an adviser to give "suitable" advice.

Most broker funds are simple investment vehicles which allow the financial adviser to switch between life insurance or a unit trust company's underlying funds. But in some cases they invest directly in shares.

Although the broker's brand is on the fund, it is administered by a life insurance or unit trust company. The fund may come in the form of a single premium life *bond known as a broker* bond, or a unit trust known as a broker unit trust.

The *broker fund was born* in the 1980s when stock markets were roaring ahead and *even one-man broking outfits* set out to manage international share portfolios. The brokers' limited experience as fund managers were no obstacle to business — all they had to do was sell. In the case of the most common broker fund — the broker bond investing in life company funds — life companies frequently gave brokers the benefit of hindsight. That meant brokers could ring up the life company after the stock market had crashed and ask to switch into cash at pre-crash *prices.*

City regulators rightly became concerned that broker fund managers were getting preferential treatment which damaged the interests of other policyholders. They also could not see why brokers should get an extra fee for their services.

Dealing with the benefit of hindsight was abolished two years ago by the department of trade and industry. The Securities and Investments Board thought of abolishing the whole broker fund business — with as much as £3 billion under management — but was dissuaded.

Instead, the regulators introduced new rules on October 1 which force a broker to tell *investors what he stands* to gain and to provide an easily comparable investment performance guide. Richard Cockroft, director of practice at Fimbra, said: "Proper disclosure cures most things."

Brokers have to tell prospective investors that there is a conflict of interest between their roles as adviser and fund manager in a written statement. They must also reveal the price of their investment management advice. And they have to register with Fimbra at a cost of £500.

The upshot of these rules — and probably one of their aims — is that many small broker fund advisers have been driven from the business. Mr Cockroft reports *that only 311 of the 580* broker fund advisers he invited to register have done so.

But the bigger brokers who have survived the shake out are preparing to set up new funds. Steven Whalley, assistant manager of investment marketing at the life insurance company, Clerical Medical Investment Group, said: "It is almost as if there is latent demand." He has been approached by eight brokers who want to set up new life company broker bonds.

Some of the old complaints persist. One life company director who did not want to be named said: "Life companies are just buying business from these brokers. It is a sad reflection on our industry." He said that life companies were *giving* brokers an annual management fee for investment advice. That is on top of the life companies' standard fee, and there is no evidence that the performance of the funds justifies the extra charge.

The average broker fund tracked by Micropal has grown by *about 8 per cent* over the last year and 12 per cent over the last three. But the average life fund had climbed by about 12 per cent in one year and 16 per cent in three.

The lacklustre performance may be due to the abolition of *pricing with hindsight*, which many brokers relied on to boost performance. David Warnock, investment director of Cheshire broker Bankhall Investment Management, said: "There are no special conditions now. *It is* down to pure investment management and it is time to sort the men from the boys."

Bankhall devotes reasonable resources to its broker *bonds, which are simply* vehicles for switching between insurance company funds. But *it also relies on free switching* between life company funds.

The department of trade *allows this, providing* there is no disadvantage to normal policyholders in the life insurance fund. But in practice it is very difficult to prove whether shares are being bought and sold purely to keep broker fund managers happy.

In contrast to broker bonds, broker unit trusts are rarely more expensive than normal unit trusts. At least five of these will be launched before the year end under the wing of Aegis Unit Trust Managers. Before buying one, investors should check how much experience the investment manager has.

BRIEFINGS

☐ Fewer than half of the under-16s who save with the Halifax Building Society are thought to have registered to receive tax-free savings. This assumption is based on the findings of the latest annual survey of 3,000 12 to 16-year-olds, published by the society this week, which closely mirrors the results of an earlier survey of under-12s. The discovery has prompted the Halifax to write for the second time this year to the parents of its 1.5 million junior savers, pointing out the importance of registering. Failure to do so means waiting until next year for a tax rebate, which has to be applied for separately.

The survey also discovered a big drop in the number of 16-year-olds saving for cars. The proportion has fallen from 40 per cent to 22 per cent over the past year.

☐ Leeds Permanent is now offering a mortgage whose rate has been capped at 9.95 per cent for one year. This means that borrowers can still take advantage of a lower rate if the Leeds' variable rate falls below 9.95 per cent during the period. An arrangement fee of £50 does not apply to first-time buyers. Sun Life of Canada Home Loans is offering staged discounts on mortgage interest repayments during the initial *15 months of a loan. Borrow*ers pay 1.15 per cent less for the first five months, falling to 0.5 *per cent during* the next five and then to 0.25 per cent for the rest of the period.

☐ *A new instant access postal* account is now available from Norwich and Peterborough *Building Society. The mini*mum initial investment is £1,000, and savers are guaranteed a net interest rate of 8.475 per cent until May 1 1992. Norwich and Peterborough warns that the account, Postmaster, is a limited issue account which will be closed to new savers after a certain period.

☐ Pearl Assurance has launched a package for elderly people planning to go into a nursing home. The package includes an investment plan designed to generate sufficient funds to pay nursing home fees, plus a free booklet. "*Choosing a Nursing* Home", which is intended to give independent advice on how to chose a suitable home from the 8,000 currently available in Britain. The investment package combines an annuity to pay the fees with a with-profits investment bond intended to rebuild the underlying capital sum over ten years.

☐ A primary school educational project pack for children between seven and eleven has been devised by Nationwide Anglia. "All About Money" looks at the history of money and introduces some basic ideas about cash management. Written by teachers, the project contains eight work cards, which take the story of money through the ages, from barter to computerised money transfers.

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Fixed-rate loans caught short

BY SARA McCONNELL

SOME building societies are withdrawing five-year fixed-rate mortgages just days after they are first offered because they cannot afford the higher rates of the past two weeks in the money markets.

Borrowers who did not move quickly enough to sign up for the loans face paying a higher rate. In some cases societies are not offering five-year fixed rates any more and have money only for shorter fixed-rate terms.

Societies normally borrow a fixed tranche of money in the wholesale markets at a certain rate for fixed-rate mortgages. Uncertainty over interest rates and sterling in has made borrowing in the money markets more expensive and when the original tranche is used up, the next one has cost more.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester building society said this week that it was withdrawing its 10.65 per cent five-year fixed-rate loan just seven days after it was launched. It is being replaced with another five-year mortgage at 10.95 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 12 per cent).

Borrowers who have already signed up for the 10.65 per cent rate are being mailed this weekend to see if they are still interested. If so, they are eligible for the lower rate. But anyone applying from now will get the higher rate. The *C&G said:* "We did a limited tranche on 10.65 per cent which was hedged at the beginning. This has now been fully allocated but rates have moved upwards, the cost of money is going up and we can't afford to offer the lower rates."

The Halifax, the largest society, has also withdrawn its five-year fixed-rate offer of 10.7 per cent until January 1997, because "funds are exhausted".

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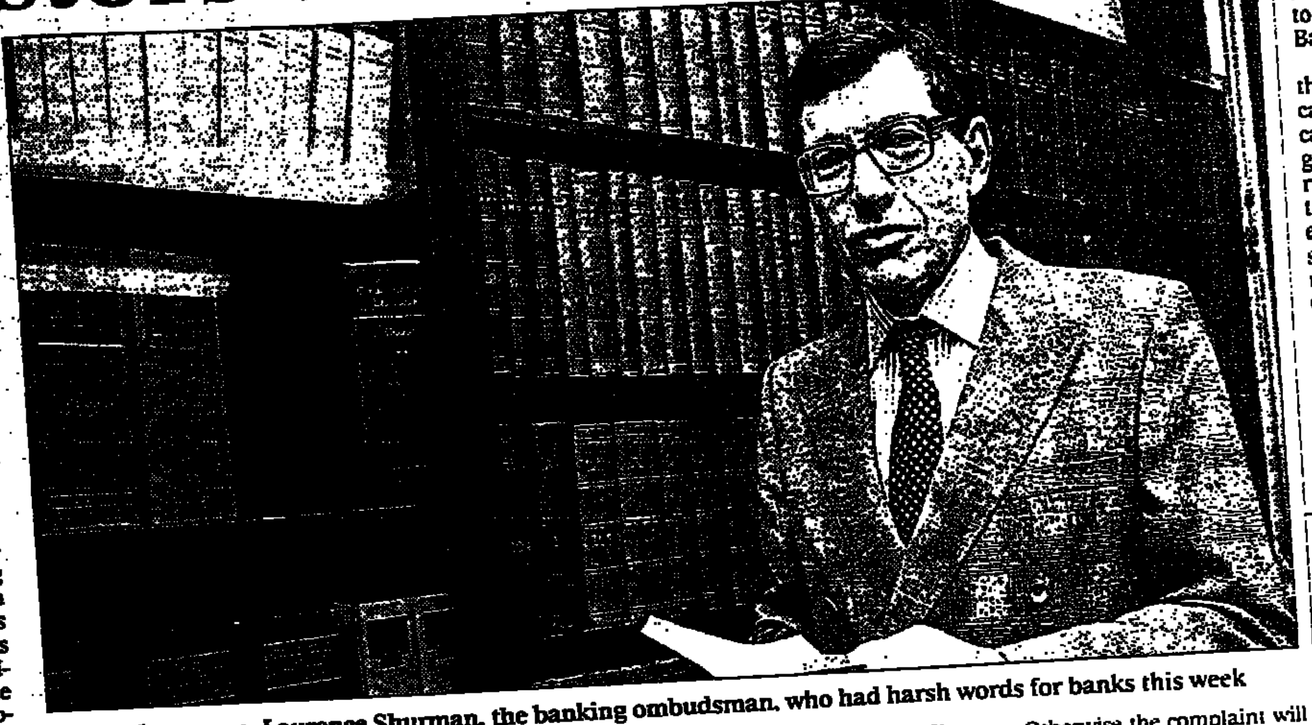
The narrow routes for those investors who seek redress

BY LIZ DOLAN
AND JILL INSLEY



Final recourse: Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, who had harsh words for banks this week

INVESTORS who lose money or run into problems with a financial institution may find that obtaining redress is not as easy as they think.

The regulators and ombudsmen who have sprung up to protect investors have clearly defined areas of responsibility and to make the best use of the system, investors need to understand its structure. Regulators will not generally look into any case until it has reached deadlock.

People who think they cannot go any further with their bank should contact Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, who deals with complaints about all services provided by member banks and their insurance subsidiaries. In his report for the year to end September, published this week, Mr Shurman said that only 746 of the 6,327 complaints received during the year were put forward for full investigation. More than a quarter were outside his terms of reference, and a further 813 were rejected because there was no breach of duty, loss or inconvenience.

Mr Shurman said the 62 per cent increase in complaints last year was largely due to growing consumer awareness. Other factors were the recession and mechanisation.

Christopher Eadie, the deputy banking ombudsman, says the complainant must take his problem to the bank, and only when that bank has decided it cannot reconcile the situation will it issue a 'deadlock' letter saying no more can be done.

The complainant can then return to the ombudsman who screens the complaint to see if it can be taken on. It could not, for example, handle complaints about the setting of interest rates, but could deal with the incorrect charging of interest, negligence, and problems with cash dispensers.

The ombudsman will make an initial assessment or provisional formal recommendation. After submissions by both parties, and if the complainant wishes to proceed, the ombudsman will make a final formal recommendation. He can award up to £100,000 against the bank.

Mr Eadie says most banks, including all the high street banks are members of the scheme. Complaints may take months rather than weeks to process, he says.

Last year, 3,915 complaints were made, although 1,000 were outside the ombudsman's terms of reference. Mr Eadie says the number of complaints made this year is substantially higher. The ombudsman's decision is binding on the bank, but the complainant can continue to take legal action.

Complaints about building societies should be directed to the Building Societies Ombudsman, who will deal with complaints about all services except property surveys, lending decisions or offered by the the Societies. But it will not cover complaints resulting from decisions not to forward a service, surveys of properties, and problems resulting in legal action against a society member. Again the ombudsman will not consider complaints until a building society member has reached deadlock with the society.

The ombudsman can make awards of up to £100,000. The bureau received 4,500 inquiries last year — 80 per cent of which did not proceed. The insurance ombudsman covers problems with both life and general insurance. The bureau will ask investors to write to the chief executive of their insurance company. Elizabeth Bingham, assistant manager, inquiries and applications, says about 60 per cent of complaints are solved or dropped at this stage. The rest go forward to legal assistants for a preliminary investigation. The legal assistants will write a provisional view — or it will go on to Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, for a final decision.

He makes awards of up to £100,000, or £10,000 per annum in the case of permanent health insurance. The decision is binding on the insurance company, but the policy holder can take the complaint to court if dissatisfied with the outcome.

As well as ombudsmen with power to investigate and fine, investors can also approach one of the regulatory watchdogs set up under the Financial Services Act. They can suspend or fine members but again they try to get to the bottom of this problem without going this far.

The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) regulates the 7,000 independent financial advisers which provide advice on life insurance, pensions, and unit trusts. The first step is to arrange a meeting between the complainant and financial adviser. If this is unsuccessful, the complaint will be referred to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, which can make awards of up to £50,000.

Complaints about the administration and investment management for unit trusts and personal equity plans should be directed to the investment managers regulatory organisation (Imro).

If the complaint concerns loss of money, Imro may suggest the investor takes the issue up with Richard Youard, the investment referee.

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The Life Assurance & Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) helps with complaints about the sale of investments and insurance by life officers and unit trust companies and their salesmen — officially called company representatives and tied agents. The regulator can only deal with problems which have arisen concerning business written after implementation of the Financial Services Act on April 29, 1988.

Lautro will judge whether the complaint involves a rule breach, in which case it may investigate the problem itself. Otherwise the complaint will be passed to the insurance ombudsman.

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Christmas joy for card thieves

BY SARA MCCONNELL

CARDHOLDERS are making life too easy for thieves and fraudsters, particularly over Christmas when fraud is expected to increase by about 10 per cent, according to a report this week by Barclays.

The bank, which issues a third of all plastic cards, forecasts that 2,000 Barclaycards and Connect cards will go missing every day in the run-up to Christmas. Two-thirds of frauds are accounted for by cards being lost and stolen. However, the report revealed that almost half of customers who report their cards missing do not know when they were lost or stolen, while 40 per cent do not know where or how their card went missing. Of those who can pinpoint when and where, 27 per cent fail to report it within 48 hours, giving a thief more time to spend money on the card.

Under the Consumer Credit Act, cardholders are technically liable for all purchases on a credit card until it has been reported lost or stolen, but Barclays said it usually waived this requirement and charged a nominal £25.

Barry Fergus, Barclays' director of fraud control, said: "We are very concerned to find that so many customers do not keep a closer hold on the whereabouts of their plastic cards and delay telling us when one has gone missing."

Barclays tells customers not to leave wallets or handbags unattended or visible in the car. They should cut up old cards as soon as they expire, sign new cards immediately and keep cheque books and guarantee cards separate. Carbon copies of sales vouchers should be kept in a safe place or destroyed.

Other banks echo Barclays' plea to customers to take care of their cards. Lloyds said it was "tight lipped" about the scale of card fraud on its Access and Visa debit cards but said its figures were probably similar to those of other banks.

A total of £122 million was lost through card fraud last year, according to the Association for Payment Clearing Services. The association has started its annual campaign to educate retailers and is planning to expand this next year to the public. Banks announced last month that they will be spending a total of £500 million over the next three years on plastic fraud prevention measures.

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SNOOKER: UK championship (Guild Hall, Preston).

REAL TENNIS: British open singles and doubles championships (Queen's Club, London)
SNOOKER: UK championship (Guild Hall Preston)

er its results should count towards grand prix scoring because there were insuffi-

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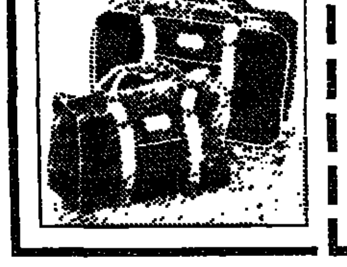

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.08	7.08	5.66	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	7.45	7.45	5.96	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	6.38	6.38	5.10	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	6.84	6.84	5.47	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	6.75	6.75	5.40	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	6.75	6.75	5.40	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	6.66	6.65	5.33	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	6.56	6.56	5.25	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	6.48	6.68	5.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	5.78	5.91	4.73	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	1.90	1.90	1.52	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.25	5.25	4.20	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	1.88	1.89	1.51	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.35	5.42	4.34	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.06	5.16	4.13	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.08	6.21	4.97	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	4.69	4.69	3.75	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	7.50	7.50	6.00	500 min	Inst	—
Cheltenham & Gl	8.36	8.63	6.69	2,500 min	Postal	—
Northern Rock	7.69	7.69	6.15	10,000 min	30 day	—
Skipton	8.30	8.30	6.64	2,500 min	90 day	—
Bristol & West	9.19	9.19	7.35	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Southdown	7.69	7.69	6.15	1 min	Inst	—
Norwich & Ptbr	8.48	8.48	6.78	1,000 min	Postal	—
Chelsea	9.38	9.38	7.50	10,000 min	30●day	—
National Count	8.44	8.44	6.75	10,000 min	90 day	—
Nottingham Imp	9.38	9.38	7.50	30,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	2.81	2.81	2.25	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	3.30	3.30	2.64	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.43	1.43	1.14	1 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	9.50	7.13	5.70	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond"	10.25	7.69	6.15	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond"☐	10.25	7.69	6.15		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert‡†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity	8.60	8.60	7.31	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	8.90	8.90	7.57	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prolific Life	9.10	9.10	7.74	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	8.90	8.90	7.57	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
General Portf	9.20	9.20	7.82	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (Oct 90-91)	+3.7%	Spanish Pesetas:	180.60
Bank Base Rate	10.5%	French Francs:	9.68
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachma:	324.70
Credit Card	19.6-32%	Italian Lira:	2137.00

¹ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ‡ Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates † Tax free " Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums ☐ No longer on sale ● No interest earned on notice period on amount withdrawn

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Norwich & Peterbor 0733 371371	9.50	Negotiable	95	After 2% discount to 1.5.92
National & Provinc 0274 733444	9.50	£60-400K	95	After 2% reduction to 1.1.93
Coventry 0203 555255	9.00	to £125K	95	2.5% off for first 6 months
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 393393	9.75	£20-150K	95	Capped until 1.10.92
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Equity & Law Prem. 0494 463483	9.80	£16-250K	95	After 1.7% discount to 1.7.92

Source: Blay's Guides Ltd Financial Information Providers 0753 880482

LETTERS

Front-end loading and fluctuation in life policies

From the chairman of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Assurance Society

Sir, Mr Robinson (Weekend Money letters, November 16) raised the question of how the acquisition, setting-up and general administration costs of a life policy should best be funded. It is not the first time such an enquiry has been addressed to the industry, yet it remains understandable, in the light of most purchases having their overhead costs built into a constant unit pricing.

The nature of an investment over a period in a life policy is different. The costs occur in the earliest period of the contract, yet the total purchase cost of the product is spread over a much longer number of years. Translating this commercial illustration into investment terminology, the yield from the first year's input (net of expenses) cannot possibly compare to the yields of the later years (assuming the market returns should remain constant). A good fund in the fourth year might expect to show figures similar to those quoted by Peter Robinson.

As everyone knows and as explained in our prospectus (required by the Financial Services Act), this type of investment may fluctuate over the period depending on the market yields, and the result can only be known finally at the conclusion of the contract.

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Yours faithfully,
J. C. Ramsden,
Chairman,
Lancashire & Yorkshire
Assurance Society,
Moorgage Road,
Rotherham,
South Yorkshire.

From Mr Bryan Lowe

Sir, I have great sympathy for Peter Robinson on the subject of his Lancs & Yorks Assurance Society policies, but he should think himself lucky to have paid annual premiums.

I took out a similar plan in February 1986 and, on querying the level of the investment in September 1990, was sent a schedule detailing the various charges. I can just about accept the concept of front-end loading, but what amazed me was the *additional 7.5 per cent handling* charge on each monthly premium, throughout. No prizes to Lancs & Yorks for disarming candour here: it took over six months for them to respond to my letters querying this, with the eventual admission that these were levied "due to the extra work needed in the administration of a monthly policy".

Top it up? No Thanks.

Yours faithfully,
Bryan Lowe,
47 Dalkeith Road,
Harpenden,
Herts.

Free at a price

From Mr Peter Charnley

Sir, I must be one of thousands to have applied for the remarkable "Free For Life" gold card offer by the Co-op Bank.

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Yours faithfully,
PETER B. CHARNLEY,
8 Regal Close,
Rishworth,
Sowerby Bridge,
West Yorks.

Seeking a better deal for the 'owners' of Town & Country

From Mr C.F. Price

Sir, I read your article on the Town & Country Building Society (Weekend Money comment, November 23) with great interest. My children have their savings accounts with this society and I feel they would have received a much better deal if Town & Country had been taken over by the Bank of Ireland (I think). As it is, it would appear the Woolwich is getting the best deal, particularly as it is able to downgrade Town & Country's value by very pessimistic estimates.

As I understand, it only requires 100 members to get together and force a motion to be presented to the building society owners (savers and borrowers). I suspect many of the savers may well vote for dissolution if they know the full extent of the assets compared with the liabilities.

Do the wishes of the owners have any sway with the Building Societies Commission? Should not the owners be allowed to vote on such an issue? A convenient merger with the Woolwich may save the jobs of those who have mismanaged 'our funds' but will do little to benefit the savers. How can the owners of Town & Country form an organisation so that they can have a democratic say in how their affairs are handled and maybe get better value for themselves?

Yours faithfully,
C. F. PRICE,
19 Gaynor Road,
Northville,
Bristol.

Coin company advertisements dropped

From the editor, Moneywise

Sir, In Sara McConnell's article about Rare Coin Investments (Weekend Money, November 23) it was stated that an advertisement from this company has appeared in *Moneywise* magazine.

I should like to point out that the latest issue of *Moneywise* carries an editorial statement advising readers that the particular advertisement referred to is misleading, and that *Moneywise* is no longer accepting advertisements from Rare Coin Investments.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE WHELAN,
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Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+2	+3	+9	+1	+2		
2	+4	+6	+4	+1	+2		
3	+3	+3	+5	+4	+4		
4	+1	+3	+8	+2	+2		
5	+5	+2	+6	+3	+4		
6	+3	+4	+4	+1	+2		
7	+6	+3	+5	+4	+1		
8	+2	+2	+8	+1	+2		
9	+5	+3	+6	+2	+4		
10	+7	+2	+4	+5	+1		
11	+6	+2	+4	+5	+2		
12	+4	+2	+5	+2	+5		
13	+6	+1	+4	+4	+1		
14	+3	+5	+6	+1	+3		
15	+2	+3	+8	+1	+2		
16	+4	+1	+6	+2	+4		
17	+1	+3	+8	+1	+2		
18	+5	+2	+6	+4	+4		
19	+2	+6	+5	+1	+2		
20	+3	+2	+9	+1	+3		
21	+4	+3	+7	+3	+4		
22	+2	+5	+5	+2	+3		
23	+6	+3	+3	+7	+1		
24	+2	+5	+4	+1	+2		
25	+2	+5	+8	+2	+2		
26	+3	+2	+7	+4	+5		
27	+7	+2	+5	+6	+1		
28	+3	+4	+3	+1	+2		
29	+3	+4	+8	+1	+3		
30	+3	+5	+4	+1	+2		
31	+3	+2	+6	+3	+4		
32	+4	+6	+3	+1	+3		
33	+5	+2	+4	+5	+1		
34	+1	+2	+7	+1	+2		
35	+2	+4	+9	+1	+2		
36	+6	+2	+3	+4	+2		
37	+2	+4	+4	+2	+2		
38	+5	+1	+3	+5	+2		
39	+4	+2	+7	+3	+3		
40	+5	+1	+3	+5	+1		
41	+3	+3	+7	+2	+1		
42	+4	+2	+6	+3	+5		
43	+5	+3	+4	+5	+1		
44	+4	+4	+4	+2	+2		

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Portfolio PLATINUM

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3	Sterling Pub	Newspapr,Pub	
4	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
5	Atlas Equip	Industrial	
6	Adscene	Newspapr,Pub	
7	Borthwick	Foods	
8	Sherwood Gp	Drapery,Strs	
9	HK Land	Property	
10	Swire Pacific A'	Industrial	
11	Blue Circle	Building,Rds	
12	Blenheim Gp	Newspapr,Pub	
13	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
14	Storehouse	Drapery,Strs	
15	News Intl	Newspapr,Pub	
16	McKechnie	Industrial	
17	Smith WH A'	Drapery,Strs	
18	Securiguard	Industrial	
19	Mid Scot Res	Oils, Gas	
20	Pendragon	Motors,Air	
21	RHM	Foods	
22	Westpac	Banks,Disc	
23	Baker Harris	Property	
24	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Rds	
25	Bristol	Newspapr,Pub	
26	Delta	Electrical	
27	Smith David	Paper,Print	
28	Warner Howard	Industrial	
29	Wessex Water	Water	
30	Allied Irish	Banks,Disc	
31	Airbreak Leis	Leisure	
32	Dolphin Pack	Paper,Print	
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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5	3	Target Res	3½	-½	...	...	...
34	13	Teredo●	19	...	...	1.5	17.4
114	84	Triton Europe	94	-4	...	4.5	22.7
358	233	Ultramar	311	-12	10.5	1.0	56.3
197	102	Woodside	187	...	...	...	...
7	1¼	XCL Sunrise	3½	...	...	...	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
494	358	Meyer Int	418 †	-8	16.5	5.3	20.9
17	12	Midln Gp●	14	...	...	...	...
356	203	Mowlem (J)	204	-17	...	13.7	16.1
44	8	NSM	8½	-2½	0.5	...	...
177	112	Newman Tnks	153	-1	9.3	8.1	13.7
304	187	Persimmon	259	-9	...	4.4	12.8
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
1200	875	Pochins	1150	...	24.0	2.8	8.5
201	158	Prowting	166	-4	5.0	4.0	34.1
46	25	Quiligotti●	25	...	1.5	8.2	8.5
749	495	RMC Gp	501	+3	19.3	5.1	11.6
150	93	Raine Ind	130½	-1½	6.0	6.1	12.0
76	58	Ransom●	65	...	0.1	0.2	...
658	460	Redland	471	-4	...	7.1	13.6
79	63	Rudolf●	66	...	4.3	8.7	7.0
205	135	Rugby Group	163	-4	6.4	5.3	12.0
62	23	Sandell●	31	...	1.7	...	...
68	38	Smith-Rose●	51	...	3.0	7.8	7.3
98	79	Sharpe & Fisher	80	-1	4.0	6.7	77.6
161	103	Sheffield Insl	126	...	5.4	5.7	12.0
110	61	Sheriff Hldgs●	62	...	5.1	...	5.5
148	75	Shoco●	75	...	5.2	9.2	7.9
230	161	Smart (J)	230	...	7.9	4.6	7.9
22	15¼	Stanmin	16½	...	...	2.4	34.1
424	257	Steetley	269	-13	14.0	6.9	13.9
283	128	Tarmac	129	-5	11.2	11.6	14.5
175	106	Tay Homes	168	...	5.3	4.2	6.7
289	140	Taylor Woodrw	144	-8	9.5	8.8	13.6
725	508	Tilbury Dougls	598	-2	33.0	7.4	8.8
41	28	Town Hire●	35	...	1.6	...	...
251	188	Travis Perkins	220	-2	8.0	4.8	28.3
62	39	Try Group	51	-1	6.0	15.7	5.5
33	22	Tudor●	33	...	2.7	...	9.3
150	16	Turriff	27 #	...	4.2	20.9	...
10	3	Venture Plant●	6½	...	...	...	...
123	66	Vibroplant	106	...	3.6	4.6	14.6
208	98	Ward Group	98	...	7.2	...	4.3
100	53	Ward Hldgs	54	...	2.6	6.4	11.4
428	368	Watts Blake	408	...	9.3	3.0	15.7
44	30	Wescol●	35	...	1.5	...	3.1
190	108	Westbury	108	-8	...	11.1	...
52	15	West Scaffold●	15	-2	...	...	...
62	6	Wiggins	11	...	...	2.7	14.0
447	335½	Wilson Bowdn	410	-2	3.7	2.7	16.5
211	162	Wilson (C)	183	-4	3.7	2.7	16.5
229	133	Wimpey G	135	-12	10.5	10.4	20.6
78	43	YRM	69	...	5.0	9.7	6.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	166	+1	3.5	2.8	16.8
395	301	Amersham	381 †	+1	11.8	4.1	19.1
41¼	28¾	Anglo Utd	32	...	...	6.7	...
247	148	BTP	244	-1	8.4	4.6	15.4
£100¼	7281	Bayer DM50	9700	...	...	4.7	...
224	129	Blagden	210	-3	9.5	6.0	11.6
160½	116	Brent Chems	131 †	-2	...	7.5	14.4
128	42	Caird Gp	92	...	...	3.4	...
171	94	Canning (W)	165	...	7.2	5.9	19.8
203	146	Croda	157	-1	11.0	...	12.4
218	165	Ellis & Everard	198	...	7.0	4.7	12.4
18	12	Euro Colour	12½	...	0.6	7.1	42.1
124	43	Evode	63	...	6.4	13.6	10.9
383	202	Halstead (J)	382	...	11.2	3.9	10.6
200	95	Hickson	177	-2	8.0	6.0	17.0
9325	6793	Hoechst	7962	...	...	7.3	...
1381	845	ICI	1209	+10	55.0	6.1	21.7
631	435	Laporte	599	+2	17.8	4.0	14.5
351	248	Leigh	248 †	-3	7.6	4.1	14.9
265	136	MTM	249	...	5.1	2.7	14.7
1818	1225	Norsk Hydro	1225	...	...	3.1	13.0
400	312	Pearson Zoch	392	...	10.4	3.5	12.0
390	308	-do- 'A'	385	...	10.4	3.6	11.8
246	111	Plysu	230	-9	4.5	2.6	20.5
143	73	Porvair●	143	...	3.0	2.8	13.2
386	203	Rentokil	350	+1	3.3	1.3	28.6
17	12	Sutcliffe Speak	12½	...	...	...	...
364	204	Wardle Storeys	347 †	...	16.0	6.1	16.1
20	12	Wentworth●	15	...	0.1	0.9	...
290	215	Wolstenholme R	285	...	16.3	7.6	12.5
553	327	Yorks Chem	538	...	13.5	3.3	15.0
227	89	Yule Catto	214	-4	4.7	2.9	14.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	20	Alan Paul●	20 #	...	...	22.7	1.4
445	267	Alexon	393 †	-13	...	5.9	8.1
129	58¾	Amber Day	128	-1	2.7	2.8	∞
339	239	Argos Plc	277	-2	6.0	2.9	18.2
106	52	Ashley (Laura)	94	...	0.1	0.1	...
338	255	Asprey●	295	+5	4.8	2.2	16.3
385	350	Austin Reed	360	...	9.5	3.5	57.8
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	-1	5.5	5.1	12.1
195	149	Bentalls	149	...	3.8	3.4	30.9
226	73	Benetware	216 †	...	...	1.4	24.3
136	36½	Blacks Leis	128	...	...	3.4	11.7
350	178	Body Shop	328 †	-6	1.2	0.5	44.1
38½	5	Brown & Jackson	5½	...	1.9	...	1.3
289	183	Brown (N)	287	...	...	2.6	19.8
94½	30	Burton	39	+1½	2.7	9.5	...
188	113	Cantors 'A'	177	...	4.0	3.0	11.0
355	275	Church	313	...	12.5	5.3	15.3
193	99	Coats Viyella	168	-3	7.0	5.6	19.5
165	109	Colourvision●	117	...	5.6	6.4	10.4
336	154	Courts Furnish	329	-2	5.0	2.0	12.9
220	82	Crown Eyes●	206	...	3.5	2.3	11.4
32	17½	Dewhirst (IJ)	29½	-½	...	2.9	13.5
274	125	Dixons Gp	210	-2	5.8	3.7	18.5
520	283	Dunhill	433 †	...	7.0	2.2	15.7
37	11	ERA Gp	33	-1	...	...	14.5
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	...	16.0	2.7	5.6
248	87	Etam	228 †	...	5.8	3.4	23.7
19	9½	Fields (Mrs)●	10 #	...	...	...	...
380	212	Fine Art Dev	352	...	9.8	3.7	14.8
95	60	Fired Earth Tiles	85	...	4.0	6.3	16.3
454	338	Forminster	453	...	11.7	3.5	9.2
67½	24	French Conn●	24	-1	2.7	15.0	30.7
87	38	Gabicci●	81	...	4.2	7.0	9.4
76	41	Gent SR	52	...	2.0	5.1	46.6
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	3.0	11.3	6.6
2000	1350	GUS	1850	-13	37.5	2.7	16.4
1455	1048	-do- 'A'	1253	-5	37.5	4.0	11.1

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey Nat	268	-3	9.5	4.7	8.8
183	126	Allied Irish	165 †	+3	...	4.9	12.1
60	23	Ansbacher (H)	35	...	1.5	5.7	...
202	121	Aus New Z	280	-1	...	...	6.4
2631	1218	Bankamerica	1775 †	...	...	7.3	23.7
173¼	115¼	Bk of Ireland	145 †	+1	...	...	...
1950	1900	Bk Leumi Isrl	1900 #	...	...	...	...
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340	...	16.0	6.3	...
126	91	Bank Scotland	116	...	...	4.9	25.2
489	327	Barclays	367	...	21.1	7.7	24.3
12	3	Benchmark	5	...	...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	227	...	8.0	4.7	...
27	12½	Carlisle	22	-1	...	...	...
464	313	Cater Allen	360 †	...	25.0	9.3	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15	10	Oceonics	14	...	...	...	13.2
279	218	Oxford Inst	220	-2	4.1	2.5	14.2
195	128	P-E Internl	134	-7	6.2	6.2	10.6
147	50	P & P	52	...	4.2	10.9	2.8
71	43	Peek	59½	-1½	3.4	7.6	14.5
201	145	Pegasus●	175	...	12.1	9.7	∞
8500	6300	Philips Fn 4%	8300 †	-200	...	6.9	...
1131	587	-do- Lmp nv	1035	...	7.7	3.2	10.1
365	227	Pifco	325	...	7.7	3.4	9.3
957	194	-do- 'A' Voting	300	...	3.6	...	46.1
71	48	Plasmec●	50	...	2.4	4.1	12.5
111	78	Pressac	78	...	2.4	2.1	...
180	40	Psion●	155	+13	3.7	0.2	5.8
60	46	Racal Elect	54	+½	2.7	9.0	8.1
58	37	Radius●	40	-1	3.0	3.7	9.8
123	45	Real Time●	107	...	...	...	18.5
53	28	Riva●	33	...	...	3.3	15.3
290	180	Sage Gp	286	...	2.9	8.4	48.1
90	41	Scantronic	48	...	5.0	5.6	12.8
135	78	Scholes Grp	118	...	2.5	1.4	21.8
490	230	Sema Gp	233	...	5.2	5.2	6.7
140	85	Sherwd Cmpt●	135	...	0.3	...	...
33	10	Sinrom	18	...	2.2	7.9	15.2
41	30	Soundtracks●	37	...	...	...	...
21	11	Sunleigh Elect●	13	...	...	1.1	16.8
2850	1550	TDK	1962	-3	...	...	...
8	5	TDS Circuits●	6	...	...	...	...
33	15½	Telemetrix	31	...	0.6	2.6	13.4
828	608	THORN EMI	770	-7	30.5	5.3	15.9
19	10	Total Systems●	19	...	5.3	3.6	∞
202	102	Tunstall	202	...	...	...	...
306	152	Unitech	242	-1	11.7	6.4	32.7
59	33½	Utd Scientific	33½	-½	2.0	8.0	...
18	8½	Vasco●	10	...	0.2	1.7	17.1
414	251	Vodafone	355	-2	...	2.0	19.6
295	221	Volex	255	+1	17.0	8.9	29.7
27	10	Western Selecm	16	...	1.0	8.3	...
40	11	Wharfdale●	11½	...	...	...	...
395	283	Wholesale Ftgs	305	-2	16.6	7.3	15.6

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
64½	35½	Babcock	57½xd	-2	3.0	7.0	9.4
8½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
274	204	Baird (Wm)	231 †	-7	...	5.1	12.4
983	518	Barlow Rand	958 †	...	...	3.6	∞
113	38	Barrett (H)	43	...	2.0	6.2	...
60	32½	Baynes (Charles)	54	-½	...	3.0	15.0
149	59	Beaufort	60	...	6.0	13.5	4.0
48	14	Beckenham●	14	...	3.0	...	3.3
30	23	Bedford (W)●	25	...	...	...	...
533	292	Bespak	531	...	8.0	2.0	23.4
183	106	Bibby (J)	179	...	9.7	7.3	∞
100	80	Billam (J)	85	...	4.0	6.3	7.2
92	41	Bilston Burslem●	41	-3	3.0	...	...
86	37	Bimec Ind	71 †	-1½	...	2.8	13.7
147½	43	Biophan	44 #	...	0.2	...	...
41	23	Black Arrow	37 †	...	2.1	7.6	12.5
140	108	Black (Peter)	130	...	2.8	2.9	14.2
66	26	Bluebird Toys●	37	-1	...	...	...
370	211	Bodycote	363 †	...	8.7	3.2	13.3
445	304	Boots	409 †	-9	11.6	3.8	10.5
92	69	Booth Inds	84	...	3.2	5.1	5.4
40	22	Boustead	26½	...	1.6	...	9.1
708	432	Bowater	679	-1	21.0	4.1	13.5
1839	1046	Bowater Inc	1143	+5	...	...	...
234	130	Boxmore Intl●	234	...	6.4	3.6	11.1
19	11	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	4.4	33.6
246	160	Brammer	240	...	13.0	7.2	16.9
45	26	Bridgend Gp	30	...	1.2	5.3	12.1
149	81	Bridon	102 †	-1	8.0	10.5	7.9
92	43	Bridport-Gndry	86 †	...	4.1	6.2	∞
45	26	Brierley Inv	33	...	...	8.9	28.1
355	355	Br Bldg & Eng	355	...	0.5	0.2	...
85	35	Br Bloodstock●	43	...	...	...	...
380	215	Br Polythene	355	-3	...	3.1	15.8
149	71	Br Steel	73½xd	-½	8.7	15.9	...
98	91	Br Syphon	94	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Br Thornton	11	...	...	...	...
260	180	Br Vita	232	-1	6.7	3.9	13.4
681	383	Broken Hill	617	+6	...	2.0	13.5
145	101	Bromsgrove Ind	130	...	3.9	4.0	8.5
21	14½	Brooke Tool	14½	...	1.2	...	6.8
94	39	Brown & Tawse	65	...	5.7	11.2	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80½	55½	Porter Chadburn	62	...	...	5.2	8.7
50½	14	Porth Gp●	14	...	...	...	...
231	125	Powerscreen	211	-2	5.5	3.5	12.3
17½	3½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.2	1.6	28.6
426	262	Proudfoot Alex	389	...	19.0	6.5	8.4
7½	4½	RMT Gp●	4½xd	...	...	...	...
130	55	RPS Group●	55	-2	3.2	7.8	5.8
110	70	Racam Metal	103	...	...	...	...
76	45	Ramco Oil●	73	...	2.0	3.7	27.1
779	562	Rank Org	632	-9	31.0	6.5	16.0
111	40	Ransomes	45	-1	6.1	...	...
741	485½	Reckitt Colm	641	-2	13.6	2.8	14.7
14½	10	Reco	10½	...	...	1.3	18.9
76	34	Reed Executive	75	...	0.6	1.1	...
269	147	Reliance Sec●	268	+1	8.4	4.2	13.8
147	117	Relyon	128	...	4.9	5.1	13.2
325	222	Renishaw	299	+1	6.0	2.7	18.4
78	49½	Renold	59	-1	3.7	...	14.3
25	13	Restmor●	15	...	...	...	...
1003	673	Reuters	905	+1	15.0	2.2	18.5
34½	25	Rexmore	32	...	2.2	9.6	7.8
121	90	Ricardo Ind	110	-2	5.7	6.9	10.6
95	66	Richard (Leics)	83	...	4.4	7.1	6.9
52	31	Richardson West	51	...	2.7	7.2	9.6
51	7	Robinson (T)	14½	...	4.0	...	3.0
111	46	Rockware	103	...	2.6	3.4	27.8
190	143	Rolfe & Nolan	190	...	5.6	3.9	11.0
142	115	Ropner	125	...	8.2	8.8	9.1
136	110	-do- 'A'	120	...	8.2	9.2	8.8
12	4½	Ross Gp	9½xd	...	0.4	...	...
292	166	Rotork	276	-1	9.0	4.3	16.2
90	73	Russell (A)	75	...	2.1	3.8	13.7
18	10	SEP Ind●	17	...	1.0	...	7.6
1137	618	SKF 'B'	930	...	...	4.4	9.5
41	8	Sale Tilney	14	...	...	...	...
140	120	Sanderson Elec	120	...	3.0	3.3	4.9
54	35	Savage●	52	...	...	...	...
59	22	Savile Grdn (J)	30½	-½	2.2	9.6	...
178	112	Scapa	160	-5	...	4.4	10.4
220	144	Scholl	214	-2	...	3.7	21.4
23	9	Scot Heritable	17	...	1.5	...	...
239	154	Sec Archives●	237	...	8.0	4.5	19.1
753	633	Securicor	648	...	2.1	...	36.3
573	424	-do- 'A'	462	-1	2.1	...	25.9

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081 663 3030				
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International Inc	68.46	72.82	+ 0.10	2.92
N American Gth	46.79	50.04	+ 0.36	1.62
Pacific Growth	68.93	73.71	+ 0.30	2.08
UK Growth Acc	76.60	81.92†	- 1.46	2.73
UK Growth Dis	67.22	71.88†	- 1.29	3.46
UK Income	55.58	59.43†	- 1.20	7.54
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Capital	85.71	91.88	- 0.34	3.80
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081 658 9002				
American Gth	64.73	68.55	+ 0.94	0.30
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Convertibles	45.18	48.32	- 0.24	8.20
Eastern	127.70	137.40	+ 1.40	1.80
Equity Income	70.25	74.73†	- 1.36	7.00
European Gth	174.30	185.20	- 1.60	2.20
Euro Smllr Cos	146.00	156.30	- 1.80	1.40
Exempt	67.58	69.79	- 0.54	4.00
German Growth	44.84	47.91	- 1.36	1.10
Global Growth	79.86	85.48†	+ 0.73	1.50
Japan Growth	151.80	162.20	- 0.40	...
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Portfolio	96.19	100.20	- 0.80	3.60
-do- Acc	164.40	171.20	- 1.50	3.60
UK Growth	55.95	59.52	- 0.40	4.10
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Select Managers	52.78	56.14	- 0.44	2.50
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190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.				
041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	80.32	85.91	- 0.41	2.71
-do- Inc	75.00	80.21	- 0.39	2.71
Global Bond	22.62	24.19†	+ 0.04	6.03
High Yield Acc	39.45	42.19	- 0.91	4.90
-do- Inc	30.79	32.94	- 0.71	4.90
Income Gth Acc	56.41	60.33	- 1.05	5.59
-do- Inc	39.17	41.90†	- 1.70	5.59
Service Co Acc	69.19	74.00	- 0.43	1.98
-do- Inc	65.15	69.68†	- 0.40	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	33.40	35.72	+ 0.24	1.08
-do- Inc	32.78	35.06	+ 0.25	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	24.68	26.40	- 0.68	1.40
-do- Inc	24.01	25.68	- 0.66	1.40
Mngd P folio	24.80	26.52	- 0.22	...
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.				
0444 458144				
Financial	94.68	100.80	- 1.60	4.69
Smaller Cos Acc	191.00	204.00	- 2.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	113.50	121.20†	- 1.40	1.90
High Inc	58.52	62.32	- 1.11	7.02
Income	91.06	96.98†	- 2.00	5.59
Mngd P folio Inc	77.18	82.20	- 0.96	2.53
-do- Acc	142.40	151.70	- 1.90	...
North American	74.84	79.70	+ 0.51	0.27
Orient	89.40	96.19	- 0.27	...
Recovery	30.41	32.39†	- 0.23	3.65
German	34.52	36.99†	- 0.77	0.11
Intl Recov	27.47	29.26†	- 0.01	0.27
European Inc	19.66	21.16	- 0.35	0.53
Conv General	16.73	17.82	+ 0.01	10.68
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London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing:				
071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	49.63	52.61	- 0.66	3.68
-do- Acc	54.15	57.40	- 0.71	3.68
Income Fund 5	164.60	175.10	- 1.80	6.20
-do- Acc	356.20	378.90	- 3.80	6.20
Inv Portfolio	51.87	53.69	- 0.64	3.15
-do- Acc	56.72	58.71	- 0.70	3.15
Smaller Cos	108.40	115.30	- 1.30	3.25
-do- Acc	125.00	133.00	- 1.50	3.25
High Inc P folio	46.60	48.29	- 0.47	6.59
BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.				
071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	63.31	64.15	- 0.05	6.37
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH.				
061 837 5060				
Environ	104.40	111.10	- 1.00	2.35
UK Growth	112.60	119.90	- 1.30	2.99
UK Income	100.60	107.10†	- 1.40	6.07
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx				
HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	51.03	54.31	+ 1.54	2.08
Growth	38.56	41.24	- 0.47	3.54
Income	45.49	48.65	- 0.67	5.96
Far East	37.24	39.83	+ 0.35	0.78
North American	56.86	60.81	+ 0.38	0.01
Global	60.22	64.41	+ 0.40	1.37
European	56.00	59.89	- 0.33	2.60
Japan	88.04	94.16†	+ 0.78	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	47.30	50.15†	+ 0.04	7.53
UK Cap Gwth	64.84	69.35	+ 0.57	2.55
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF.				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	87.45	93.04	+ 0.69	0.51
-do- Acc	92.97	98.91	+ 0.73	0.51
European	54.95	58.27	- 0.74	1.68
-do- Acc	56.58	59.99	- 0.77	1.68
Far East Gen	47.00	50.00	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	47.00	50.00	+ 0.20	...
Glenfriars	212.80	226.40	+ 0.20	2.42
-do- Acc	232.30	247.20	+ 0.20	2.42
Growth	286.40	306.30	- 2.80	3.14

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-do- Acc	475.20	508.20	- 4.70	3.14
Income Growth	302.10	321.40	- 4.30	5.49
-do- Acc	376.70	400.80	- 5.20	5.49
Master Portfolio	7974.0	8374.0†	- 63.00	2.93
-do- Acc	8922.0	9370.0	- 71.00	2.93
Special Sits	65.41	69.59	- 0.53	3.07
-do- Acc	73.67	78.38	- 0.59	3.07
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	942.60	971.80†	- 13.10	6.36
-do- Acc	1044.0	1077.0	- 14.00	6.36
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Harbour Exchange Square, London				
E14 9GJ. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	143.00	152.60	+ 1.70	2.08
Capital	434.50	463.70†	- 0.30	4.05
European Index	108.80	116.10	- 1.40	2.14
Euro Gth	71.17	75.95	- 0.56	1.96
Far East Growth	64.58	68.92	+ 0.02	0.96
Global Bond	20.55	21.91	+ 0.26	8.42
Gold General	65.08	69.45	- 0.03	1.82
Hong Kong	40.91	43.66	- 0.55	3.22
Income	410.40	437.90†	- 6.50	5.77
Intl Growth	58.61	62.55	+ 0.25	1.42
Japan Growth	198.70	212.00	- 0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.07	29.95	- 0.04	...
Japan Index	61.65	65.79	- 0.01	0.34
Nth American	293.60	313.30	+ 0.30	1.74
S pore Mly Gth	32.92	35.13	+ 0.22	...
Tiger Index	88.32	94.25	+ 1.13	1.28
Trustee Index	90.16	96.22	- 1.78	4.21
UK Index	103.20	110.10	- 1.40	4.15
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN.				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	56.95	60.91	+ 0.41	1.81
European P folio	58.59	62.37	- 0.57	1.25
Japanese P folio	43.64	46.37	- 0.05	...
Pacific P folio	64.65	69.52	+ 0.48	2.88
Cazenove P folio	57.37	61.36	- 0.33	3.28
UK Income Gth	54.06	58.13	- 0.64	7.18
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	544.05	546.45	...	5.29
Fixed Int	141.35	141.90	...	10.22
Deposit	10.30	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.				
071 588 1815				
Income	523.84	528.86	...	5.54
-do- Acc	1921.3	1937.2	...	...
Deposit	10.30	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	114.65	114.87	...	10.10
-do- Acc	131.95	132.21	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	50.19	52.84†	- 0.81	3.01
Beckman Intl	63.04	64.88†	...	5.34
Prince Hse Inc	161.60	171.20†	- 2.10	5.58
Prince Hse Cap	202.90	215.00	- 3.30	2.83
COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS				
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London				
EC3P 3DQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing:				
081 686 9818				
American Gth	73.17	77.84	+ 0.75	1.24
European Gth	72.86	77.51	- 0.82	1.07
Far East Gth	69.80	74.26	- 0.19	0.55
Japan Gth Acc	33.26	35.38†	- 0.19	...
Managed	50.49	53.71†	- 0.32	4.02
-do- Acc	59.05	62.82	- 0.33	0.55
Mthly Inc Plus	40.88	43.49	- 0.53	10.05
Smaller Cos	28.22	30.02	- 0.43	2.44
-do- Acc	30.27	32.20	- 0.46	2.44
UK General	58.19	61.91	- 0.22	3.28
-do- Acc	66.72	70.97	- 0.25	3.28
Wwide Bd	49.86	53.04	+ 0.05	5.13
-do- Acc	59.69	63.50	+ 0.05	5.13
Wwide Sp Sits	41.79	44.70	- 0.11	0.62
-do- Acc	43.36	46.37	- 0.13	4.97
Quilter General	99.99	106.37†	- 1.28	1.86
-do- Acc	107.45	114.31	- 1.37	1.86
Quilter Income	81.67	86.88	- 3.17	4.80
-do- Acc	92.40	98.30	- 3.58	4.80
Quilter Intl	98.46	104.74	- 2.56	...
-do- Acc	99.37	105.71	- 2.58	...
Quilter UK Spec	66.66	70.91	- 0.89	3.47
-do- Acc	86.05	91.54	- 1.13	3.47
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	79.84	84.94	- 2.16	3.24
Fixed Conv	33.03	35.14	- 0.08	9.34
-do- Acc	79.20	84.26	- 0.20	9.34
Equity Inc	118.21	125.76	- 4.57	5.75
-do- Acc	351.45	373.88	- 13.60	5.75
High Yield	98.65	104.95	- 1.85	6.90
-do- Acc	343.69	365.63	- 6.42	6.90
Preference	39.00	41.49	+ 0.01	9.63
-do- Acc	179.98	191.47	+ 0.04	9.63
PPT Europe	119.88	127.53	- 2.00	0.99
PPT Global Bnd	62.86	66.87	+ 0.08	5.09
PPT Gold Com	44.75	47.61	- 0.69	...
PPT Thai	34.09	36.27	+ 1.01	0.74
PPT Hong Kong	52.83	56.20	- 0.57	1.88
PPT Japan	96.94	103.13	+ 0.06	...
PPT N Amer	99.26	105.60	+ 0.41	0.30
PPT S'pore Mly	67.93	72.27	+ 0.70	...
PPT UK	95.71	101.82	- 0.64	2.25
PPT Cash	84.22	84.22	+ 0.10	9.92
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.				
0345 090 526				
American	79.44	84.41†	+ 0.63	...
Capital	134.30	142.70	- 1.10	2.10
Convertibles	21.24	22.57	+ 0.29	8.86
Eurofund	31.98	33.86	- 0.75	1.18
Mngd Exempt	139.00	144.90	- 2.30	3.62
Growth Inc	188.30	200.10	- 1.40	5.62
High Dist	135.80	144.30†	- 1.40	7.80
International	259.00	275.20	- 0.60	1.82
Intl Income	60.65	64.74	- 0.39	6.10
Pacific	34.19	36.33†	- 0.18	1.10
Smllr Jap Cos	57.94	61.56	- 0.14	...
Tokyo	162.80	172.50	- 0.60	...
Amer Exempt	158.90	163.30	+ 0.90	1.10
Japan Exempt	106.60	109.50	- 0.10	0.46
Sm Jap Exempt	487.40	500.80	- 7.30	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ.				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	55.60	59.15†	+ 0.04	1.45
Japanese Acc	51.18	54.45	- 0.32	...
UK Balncd Inc	98.70	105.00	- 0.60	3.58
-do- Acc	111.50	118.60	- 0.70	3.58
UK Growth Acc	165.20	175.70	- 1.80	3.04
UK High Inc	105.20	111.90†	- 1.30	8.87
-do- Acc	116.70	124.20†	- 1.50	8.87
N America Acc	73.26	77.94	- 0.02	0.13
European Acc	103.40	110.00	- 1.60	1.47
UK Pref F/I Inc	56.34	59.76	- 0.07	8.94
-do- Acc	80.75	85.65	- 0.09	8.94
Intl Sp Sits Acc	40.87	43.48	+ 0.10	0.87
Environmntl Opp	56.76	60.38	- 0.46	2.45
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU.				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	139.50	148.40	- 0.10	2.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW.				
0296 431480				
Pelican	94.81	99.80	- 1.09	5.36
High Income	95.84	100.88†	- 1.62	6.95
Tst of Inv Tsts	106.02	111.60	- 1.46	3.51
Special Sits	88.48	93.14	- 0.41	4.62
North American	72.99	76.83	+ 0.59	0.98

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Far Eastern	163.88	172.51	- 0.34	1.23
Intl Growth	70.39	74.09	- 0.64	1.98
European	54.02	56.86	- 0.98	2.08
Smaller Cos	56.44	59.41	- 0.02	3.20
EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry				
CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	249.20	265.20†	- 3.70	3.73
-do- Inc	184.70	196.50†	- 2.80	3.73
Higher Inc Acc	429.00	456.40†	- 8.10	5.38
-do- Inc	277.60	295.40†	- 5.30	5.38
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	141.40	148.90	+ 0.10	8.75
-do- Inc	81.46	85.75	+ 0.07	8.75
Nth America	173.10	184.20†	+ 4.40	...
Far East	218.20	232.20†	+ 0.60	0.34
Europe	190.00	202.20	- 2.50	...
General Inc	338.20	359.80	- 1.10	3.65
-do- Acc	356.70	379.50	- 1.30	3.65
Brit Excell	52.77	56.14†	+ 0.28	3.47
Brit Fndmtls Inc	54.17	57.83	+ 0.43	6.23
Brit Fndmtls Acc	65.48	69.67	+ 0.28	6.23
Global Opps	54.34	57.81†	- 0.32	0.03
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd,				
Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	156.70	165.50†	+ 1.60	...
Cash Unit Tst	134.37	134.37†	+ 0.20	10.71
European Inc	89.84	95.83	- 2.93	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St,				
London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European Inc	76.66	81.19	- 1.78	1.61
Far Eastern	109.00	116.30†	- 0.40	...
Ocean Income	68.57	73.10	- 0.21	2.82
UK Growth	66.67	71.31	- 0.87	1.51
UK Income	89.64	95.87†	- 2.20	6.28
US Smaller Cos	135.90	145.30†	+ 0.90	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT.				
071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	289.50	314.30	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	295.80	321.10	+ 1.60	...
Capital	249.90	265.80	- 2.60	3.15
-do- Acc	336.10	357.50	- 3.50	3.15
Contl Smllr Cos	39.88	42.61	- 0.73	0.17
-do- Acc	40.55	43.33	- 0.74	0.17
Convertible	102.60	108.70	- 0.40	7.27
-do- Acc	173.30	183.60	- 0.60	7.27
European	83.62	89.35	- 1.70	0.81
-do- Acc	85.91	91.79	- 1.75	0.81
Extra Income	239.60	254.80	- 3.30	5.70
-do- Acc	315.80	335.90	- 4.40	5.70
Financial	62.81	66.81	+ 0.81	1.01
-do- Acc	64.99	69.13	+ 0.83	1.01
Health Fund Inc	99.38	106.50†	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	99.38	106.50†	- 0.60	...
Income Tst	149.30	158.80	- 2.80	5.27
-do- Acc	197.70	210.20	- 3.80	5.27
Intl Growth	241.90	259.50	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	268.60	288.20	+ 1.00	...
Japan Gen	131.20	140.80	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	132.60	142.20	- 0.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	75.51	79.48	- 0.73	2.11
-do- Acc	76.16	80.16	- 0.73	2.11
Monthly Income	121.40	129.10†	- 1.40	5.75
Recovery	202.70	220.50	- 2.60	1.05
-do- Acc	234.30	255.00	- 2.90	1.05
Smaller Cos	36.90	39.25	- 0.37	3.57
-do- Acc	40.84	43.44	- 0.41	3.57
Gilt Gth Inc	61.38	63.30	+ 0.26	5.01
-do- Acc	66.66	68.75	+ 0.28	5.01
Gilt Inc Inc	57.19	58.97	+ 0.17	8.29
-do- Acc	67.30	69.39	+ 0.20	8.29
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH.				
Dealing: 0722 411411. Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	269.85	287.07†	- 2.90	3.96
-do- Acc	529.54	563.34†	- 5.70	3.96
Euro Gth Dist	85.24	90.68	- 0.86	0.80
-do- Acc	86.88	92.43	- 0.88	0.80
Fixed Int Dist	115.10	121.75	- 0.87	8.15
-do- Acc	180.56	190.99	- 1.37	8.15
Intl Gth Dist	59.30	63.08	- 0.32	0.71
-do- Acc	60.73	64.61	- 0.34	0.71
Nth Amer Dist	134.15	142.71	+ 1.70	1.19
-do- Acc	142.97	152.10	+ 1.82	1.19
Pac Basn Dist	180.43	191.95	- 1.49	0.31
-do- Acc	182.66	194.32	- 1.51	0.31
Stewardship Dist	241.71	257.14†	- 0.65	2.75
-do- Acc	279.35	297.18†	- 0.74	2.75
Stwd Inc Dist	51.41	54.69†	- 0.25	5.36
-do- Acc	60.36	64.21†	- 0.31	5.36
N Am Stwd Dist	66.48	70.72	+ 0.72	0.29
-do- Acc	70.11	74.58	+ 0.77	0.29
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London				
EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing:				
071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	87.96	94.08	- 0.43	...
UK Capital Inc	139.10	148.80	- 2.70	4.28
-do- Acc	228.80	244.80	- 4.20	4.28
Uk Spec Sits	54.39	58.18	- 0.31	1.96
Income	95.25	101.90	- 1.80	8.03
International	181.70	194.00	+ 0.30	1.30
US General	64.63	68.66	+ 0.54	0.67
Japan General	328.30	348.90	- 1.50	...
Far East General	176.80	189.10	- 3.40	0.33
European	304.90	324.80	- 5.90	1.19
Germany	81.96	87.25	- 3.00	0.45
Intl Income	54.63	57.98	- 0.33	5.76
W wide Spec Sits	90.08	96.35	- 0.96	0.13
Global Assets In	47.48	50.79	- 0.45	2.96
Global Assets Ac	49.06	52.47	- 0.46	2.96
Smllr Cos Div	43.66	46.70	- 0.30	5.99
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument Street,				
London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing:				
0277 264421. Service: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Growth	33.04	35.34	- 0.58	3.06
Cash Trust*	117.53	117.53†	+ 0.17	10.44
Pract Inv Inc	85.51	92.02	- 1.59	3.80
-do- Acc	176.65	189.44	- 3.26	3.80
UK Smaller Cos	99.21	106.39†	- 0.97	2.14
Income Trusts				
Preference Share	21.68	23.19†	- 0.46	10.87
High Inc	29.20	31.23	- 0.48	6.21
Income	98.98	105.86	- 1.09	4.60
Intl Fxd Int	23.69	24.94	+ 0.05	6.82
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	66.02	70.80	+ 0.64	0.93
Euroventures	16.17	17.25	- 0.45	0.65
Frontier Markets	31.48	33.76	- 0.02	0.53
Global Inc Gth	87.51	93.83†	- 0.01	1.03
UK Intl	88.41	94.56	- 0.65	2.29
Overseas Trusts				
American	85.35	91.30	+ 0.65	1.48
European	61.02	64.75	- 1.05	1.65
Euro Sel Opps	76.80	81.64	- 2.08	1.85
American Emerg	40.79	43.74	- 0.59	0.02
Hong Kong	55.77	59.81	- 0.41	2.39
Japan	151.61	161.35	+ 0.77	...
Pacific Growth	86.67	92.94	- 0.17	1.22
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing:				
071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	99.63	106.55	+ 0.20	0.73
American Gth	79.18	84.68	+ 0.37	0.29
European Gth	55.88	59.72	- 0.82	0.71
German Horizn	40.22	42.99	- 1.03	0.50
Japan Gth	62.46	66.80	+ 0.07	...
Pacific Inc	93.43	99.92	+ 0.50	2.68
Pacific Strategy	63.38	67.78	+ 0.56	0.51
UK Prog Inc	64.83	69.33	- 1.00	7.80
Gt British Cos	42.86	45.85	- 0.38	2.83
UK Small Cos	38.65	41.34	- 0.50	2.60

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London				
E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	120.30	120.30†	+ 0.10	10.63
Gilt Fund	108.80	115.40	+ 0.20	8.12
Growth Equity	240.00	256.40†	- 3.50	3.34
Guardhill	341.00	364.30	- 5.80	3.41
Income Trust	90.65	96.84	- 2.30	6.03
International	117.90	125.90	+ 0.30	0.26
Managed	96.13	102.70	- 1.80	2.29
Nth American	172.90	184.70†	+ 0.80	0.63
Pacific	285.30	304.80†	+ 0.10	...
Prop Shares	196.10	209.50	- 4.60	4.67
Small Cos	220.80	235.80†	- 2.00	2.18
European	297.20	317.50	- 4.00	0.51
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW.				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	28.08	29.77	- 0.30	2.59
-do- Acc	28.72	30.45	- 0.31	2.59
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Amer Equity Inc	49.69	52.72†	- 0.04	2.69
Canadian	50.46	54.05†	+ 0.21	0.33
Equity Income	88.58	94.23†	- 0.77	6.35
European	117.20	117.70	- 6.40	0.53
High Income	57.95	61.65	- 0.99	8.48
Intl Situation	56.91	60.87	- 3.79	...
Japan Far East	88.21	93.59†	+ 1.45	...
North American	72.35	76.76†	- 0.04	0.46
Scandinavian	91.17	96.62	- 2.41	1.30
Smaller Cos	25.55	27.18	- 0.55	2.87
UK New Genrtn	35.18	37.43	- 0.61	2.43
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex				
CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing:				
0277 690370				
Amer Smaller	58.87	63.33†	- 0.70	...
Asian Enterprise	73.97	79.43	+ 0.40	1.26
Australian	118.06	126.20	- 1.52	3.90
European	271.37	287.67†	- 5.65	0.90
European Inc	56.71	60.01	- 0.87	3.00
Euro Sml Co	99.95	106.21†	- 0.82	1.16
Extra Income	218.15	232.23	- 4.56	6.95
Family of Funds	53.79	57.26	- 0.35	1.80
Fixed Interest	49.77	53.99	- 0.28	9.10
Global Resour	70.25	75.40	+ 0.06	1.91
High Inc	238.59	255.05†	- 6.06	6.72
Income Gth	191.10	203.51†	- 4.85	5.62
-do- Acc	459.36	489.20†	- 11.67	5.62
International	175.50	186.49	- 2.27	1.33
Japan Spc Sit	175.84	186.54	+ 0.78	...
Japan	154.32	164.11	+ 0.95	...
N Amer	161.88	172.59	+ 2.23	0.41
Pacific Smllr Cos	118.07	126.59	+ 0.69	0.08
Pref Gilt	39.86	43.74†	+ 0.15	12.01
Smaller Cos Div	140.21	152.82†	- 1.67	5.28
Special Sits	212.09	226.99	- 3.82	2.08
-do- Acc	318.54	340.92	- 5.74	2.08
Best of British	45.47	48.79†	- 1.03	4.00
Spirit of the East	39.07	41.79	+ 0.23	0.55
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.				
081 686 4355				
British	72.01	77.01†	- 1.04	3.61
Capital	125.00	133.60	- 0.50	3.05
Dollar	215.70	230.60	+ 2.30	0.72
European	156.40	167.20	- 2.20	1.49
Far East	162.50	173.70	+ 4.90	1.84
Financial	471.90	504.70	- 3.40	3.90
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	23.37	24.28	- 0.04	9.69
High Yield	83.12	88.89†	- 3.35	6.72
Income	106.30	113.60†	- 0.90	4.63
Intl	161.90	173.10	+ 0.60	1.21
Japan Tech	53.83	57.57	+ 0.56	...
Nat Resources	50.85	54.38	+ 0.67	1.51
Security	240.60	257.30	- 1.80	3.27
Smaller Cos	90.35	96.63	+ 0.89	2.10
Special Sits	118.90	127.10	+ 0.60	3.38
US Smaller Cos	46.42	49.64	+ 1.05	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN.				
071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	175.60	184.80	- 1.00	2.12
Capital Gwth	87.82	92.44	- 1.53	3.09
Inv Trusts	91.89	96.89	- 4.81	0.98
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YR.				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great British	40.04	42.97	- 0.50	3.01
Smaller Cos	21.71	23.06	- 0.15	2.40
Special Features	21.68	23.03	- 0.34	2.57
-do- Acc	24.84	26.39	- 0.39	2.57
General Funds				
UK Growth	42.71	45.37†	- 0.43	3.16
Amern Earnings	59.83	63.56	- 0.73	3.51
do Acc	67.59	71.81	- 0.82	3.51
Managed Invest	67.36	71.97	- 0.28	1.17
Rupert Children	61.87	66.18	- 0.75	3.05
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.20	51.20	+ 0.07	10.50
Extra Inc	68.69	74.29	- 0.98	6.73
Gilt	25.39	26.75	- 0.04	7.93
Income Gth	31.12	33.46†	- 0.30	4.84
MIMster	68.63	70.36†	- 0.11	9.69
Preference	14.58	15.49†	+ 0.01	10.23
UK Income	248.20	266.80	- 3.40	4.97
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	35.99	38.23†	+ 0.22	0.74
Fixed Sec	41.98	44.60	- 0.58	3.35
Gold	37.50	40.08†	+ 0.09	2.13
-do- Acc	39.93	42.68	+ 0.09	2.11
Intl Leisure	19.84	21.08	- 0.09	0.22
Property Shares	50.59	53.75	- 0.22	2.67
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	112.60	119.00†	- 0.80	5.83
European Acc	88.87	94.19	- 0.77	2.08
European Dist	86.49	91.66	- 0.75	2.08
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	33.33	35.50	+ 0.51	1.80
European Perf	83.49	88.56	- 1.46	1.48
-do- Acc	84.55	89.68	- 1.48	1.48
Euro Small Cos	17.03	18.08†	- 0.28	1.41
French Growth	49.08	52.03	- 0.04	2.10
-do- Acc	51.19	54.28	- 0.04	2.10
Hong K/China	36.89	39.19	+ 0.04	2.84
Intl Growth	38.63	41.04†	- 0.11	1.76
Japan Perf	28.67	30.41	- 0.22	...
Accum Units	28.67	30.41	- 0.22	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.52	29.24	- 0.27	...
Singapore Asean	52.25	56.76	+ 0.76	1.25
-do- Acc	52.57	57.11	+ 0.77	1.25
South East Asia	143.20	153.50	+ 0.60	1.65
US Smllr Cos	78.44	83.34	+ 0.46	...
-do- Acc	79.28	84.23	+ 0.48	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	62.14	66.23	+ 0.11	4.47
Intl Bond	44.89	47.27	+ 0.17	7.52
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF.				
061 236 5362				
Equity General	55.11	58.63	- 0.67	4.54
Gilt Fund Inc	65.96	69.80	- 1.77	8.90
Higher Income	152.40	161.80	- 1.70	6.73
Income	78.59	84.06†	- 1.40	6.45
International	67.21	72.27†	- 0.80	3.04
Smaller Cos	57.20	61.18	- 0.71	3.52
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3.				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	63.20	63.51†	+ 0.09	10.56
Extra Income	45.04	47.91	- 0.63	6.91
Gilt Yield	108.90	114.80	+ 0.10	9.14
Global Income	153.20	163.00†	- 0.60	4.91
High Yield	104.60	111.30†	- 2.00	6.99
Smllr Cos Div	41.14	43.77†	- 0.12	6.40
Capital Growth Trusts				

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Smllr Cos	63.53	67.59	- 0.01	0.36
North American	52.41	55.76	- 0.09	1.49
European	105.90	112.70	- 4.70	0.82
Euro Special	67.74	72.06	- 2.79	1.37
Fund of Inv Ts				
General	233.10	248.00	- 2.50	3.83
Intl Recovery	101.90	108.40†	- 1.20	1.88
Japan	331.00	352.10	+ 2.10	...
Japanese Special	178.50	189.90	+ 2.60	...
Master Acc	185.60	197.40	+ 0.20	1.12
Pacific	190.00	202.10	+ 3.30	0.42
Smaller Cos	90.85	96.65	- 0.27	3.81
UK Equity Gth	27.63	29.39	- 0.27	3.71
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB.				
031 550 5151				
European	54.21	57.67	+ 0.54	1.61
Extra Income	20.87	22.20	- 0.06	5.99
Far East	18.32	19.49	+ 0.26	0.91
Income Gwth	57.37	61.03	- 0.61	4.41
Intl Growth	38.04	40.47	+ 0.40	1.77
Japan	46.21	49.16	- 0.06	...
Maximum Dist*	98.57	100.60†	+ 0.10	10.30
N Amer Equity	27.63	29.39†	+ 0.55	1.34
UK Equity	66.66	70.92†	- 1.11	4.04
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1.				
071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	44.06	46.88	- 0.25	5.22
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex.				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	350.20	372.50	- 5.90	3.72
Equity Acc	638.60	679.40	- 10.80	3.72
Equity Income	78.23	83.22	- 0.93	5.48
European	77.46	82.40	- 0.88	1.58
Far Eastern	124.00	131.80	+ 1.80	...
Fixed Interest	45.16	48.04	+ 0.37	7.22
Gilt	80.43	85.11†	+ 0.31	7.77
Global Growth	49.24	52.38†	+ 0.14	0.94
Intl Bond	44.59	47.44	+ 0.83	4.85
Japanese	53.48	56.89†	+ 0.66	...
Overseas Equity	76.52	81.40	+ 0.39	0.76
Nat Resources	71.53	76.10	- 0.56	0.99
North American	94.66	100.70	+ 1.38	1.56
UK Recovery	57.69	61.37†	- 0.85	3.52
UK Special Sits	90.01	95.78†	+ 1.55	2.44
Worldwide	61.17	65.07†	- 0.37	3.52
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent				
ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	260.80	274.60†	- 3.80	4.00
-do- Acc	547.10	575.90	- 8.10	4.00
Contl Euro Gth	39.29	41.36†	- 0.59	1.89
-do- Acc	41.05	43.22	- 0.62	1.89
Energy Intl	53.67	57.10	- 0.83	0.67
-do- Acc	64.42	68.54	- 0.99	0.67
Extra Inc	200.50	211.10†	+ 0.60	5.83
-do- Acc	467.70	492.40	+ 1.80	5.83
German Gth	85.32	89.82	- 2.00	0.64
-do- Acc	88.93	93.62	- 2.08	0.64
Income	379.00	399.00	- 5.70	5.26
-do- Acc	924.30	973.00	- 14.00	5.26
Intl Tech	181.10	190.70†	+ 1.50	0.05
-do- Acc	193.60	203.80	+ 1.40	0.05
Japan Growth	78.87	83.91	- 0.24	0.02
-do- Acc	79.15	84.21	- 0.23	0.02
Master Trust	44.59	46.92	+ 1.55	3.92
-do- Acc	47.46	49.94	+ 1.65	3.92
N American Gen	136.10	144.80	+ 1.20	0.78
-do- Acc	156.50	166.50	+ 1.50	0.78
NAm Sm Co Rec	92.57	97.45	- 0.11	0.01
-do- Acc	94.48	99.46	- 0.11	0.01
Pacific Basin	150.20	159.80	- 0.40	0.23
-do- Acc	157.40	167.50	- 0.30	0.23
Small Cos Rec	264.50	278.50†	+ 6.80	2.48
-do- Acc	332.90	350.50	+ 8.70	2.48
UK Growth	72.86	76.70	+ 0.75	3.39
-do- Acc	81.59	85.89	+ 0.84	3.39
Worldwide Gth	213.90	225.20	+ 1.00	1.17
-do- Acc	311.90	328.40	+ 1.40	1.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS.				
0392 282673				
General	63.01	67.61†	- 1.02	4.10
Income	50.06	53.71	- 0.98	6.70
International	41.59	44.62	- 0.25	1.80
American	41.03	44.02	+ 0.27	1.40
Japan	38.18	40.97	- 0.04	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	41.27	44.28†	- 0.79	2.70
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.				
071 626 4588. Dealing: 0245 266266				
American Gen	267.70	283.10	+ 1.50	0.91
-do- Acc	328.20	347.10	+ 1.80	0.91
American Rec	254.00	268.60†	+ 1.30	0.74
-do- Acc	289.40	306.00	+ 1.50	0.74
Am Sm Co Acc	79.40	84.60	+ 0.30	...
Australia Acc	125.60	132.80	- 1.60	1.58
Capital	490.10	518.30	- 4.60	4.63
-do- Acc	517.40	547.20	- 4.90	4.63
Commodity Acc	342.30	362.00	- 1.30	2.10
Compnd Gth	630.40	666.60	- 11.00	4.57
Dividend	26.00	27.80†	- 1.40	6.61
-do- Acc	96.50	103.20	- 2.00	6.61
Equity Inc	234.50	248.00	- 3.20	7.12
European Div	47.00	49.80	- 0.50	5.69
-do- Acc	50.40	53.40	- 0.60	5.69
Extra Yield	299.60	316.80	- 6.30	6.99
-do- Acc	809.40	855.90	- 17.10	6.99
Far Eastern	185.40	196.10	- 0.40	1.06
-do- Acc	240.00	253.80	- 0.50	1.06
Fund of Inv	374.80	396.40†	- 6.30	3.12
-do- Acc	661.30	699.40	- 10.90	3.12
General	44.00	46.50	- 0.80	5.28
-do- Acc	108.70	114.90	- 1.90	5.28
Gilt Fxd Int	57.10	60.00†	- 0.40	9.82
do Acc	128.30	134.80	- 0.90	9.82
Gold	37.40	39.60	- 0.10	1.71
-do- Acc	43.00	45.50	- 0.10	1.71
High Inc	19.70	20.80	- 0.20	6.78
-do- Acc	67.00	70.80	- 1.10	6.78
Intl Growth	51.40	54.40	- 0.20	1.15
-do- Acc	87.60	92.70	- 0.20	1.15
Intl Inc	66.70	70.50†	- 0.20	6.19
Japan Gen Acc	39.80	42.00	- 0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	116.00	122.60	- 1.10	...
Midland	43.30	45.80†	- 0.40	5.83
-do- Acc	130.30	137.80	- 1.40	5.83
Recovery	27.10	28.70	- 0.30	5.06
-do- Acc	40.70	43.10	- 0.50	5.06
Second Gen	47.80	50.50	- 0.50	5.27
-do- Acc	109.80	116.10	- 1.10	5.27
Smaller Cos	52.30	55.30	- 0.30	4.39
-do- Acc	94.00	99.30	- 0.60	4.39
Trustee	30.30	32.00†	- 0.40	5.65
Charibond 3	‡101.10	...†	- 0.61	10.66
Charifund 2	500.20	505.30†	- 8.60	7.29
Pension ex 1	691.00	708.30†	- 9.30	5.65
NAACIF Inc 3	‡340.67	...†	- 0.49	9.67
-do- Acc 3	‡640.43	...	- 10.17	9.67
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG.				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	107.10	114.50	- 1.50	3.30
-do- Acc	114.70	122.60	- 1.60	3.30
UK Income	89.71	95.94	- 1.97	4.45
-do- Acc	95.48	102.10	- 2.10	4.45
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh				
EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	47.05	50.32	+ 0.18	1.49
Far East (Pacific)	92.49	98.18	+ 1.80	0.81
Income Growth	60.80	64.54†	- 0.60	4.49
European	53.23	56.90	- 0.32	1.10
Nth American	36.91	39.18	+ 0.59	0.68
UK Growth	58.01	61.58†	- 0.24	2.28
Intl Growth	67.18	71.31†	...	1.08
Charities	88.57	94.02†	- 0.33	5.69

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
High Yield	44.01	46.71†	- 0.32	7.12
Intl Income	47.80	50.74	- 0.83	6.67
Japan	37.80	40.12	+ 0.41	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS.				
071 280 2060				
American Gth	126.40	134.90†	+ 1.40	0.06
-do- Acc	135.00	144.00†	+ 1.30	0.06
American Inc	34.59	36.63	+ 0.44	6.96
-do- Acc	48.64	51.52	+ 0.62	6.96
Cash	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	10.40
-do- Acc	117.70	117.70	+ 0.10	10.40
European Gth	149.20	158.50	- 2.50	0.55
-do- Acc	158.30	168.30	- 2.60	0.55
General	379.50	404.80	- 5.20	2.96
-do- Acc	694.10	740.40	- 9.60	2.96
Global Dist	104.20	109.50	+ 0.30	6.39
-do- Acc	108.10	113.70	+ 0.50	6.39
Govt Securities	87.07	91.52	- 0.10	8.24
-do- Acc	139.00	146.10	- 0.20	8.24
Income	110.80	118.20†	- 1.30	5.98
-do- Acc	152.10	162.30†	- 1.90	5.98
International	274.90	292.50	- 1.20	0.95
-do- Acc	359.50	382.60	- 1.50	0.95
Japan	151.20	160.50	+ 1.60	...
-do- Acc	155.20	164.80	+ 1.70	...
Recovery	228.60	243.90†	- 4.10	4.51
-do- Acc	278.70	297.30†	- 5.00	4.51
European Inc	59.37	63.14	- 0.54	5.32
-do- Acc	71.98	76.55	- 0.65	5.32
Amer Smllr Cos	52.57	56.08†	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	53.29	56.85†	+ 1.12	...
Brit Blue Chip	58.80	62.72	- 0.97	4.25
-do- Acc	66.71	71.15	- 1.11	4.25
Portfolio	58.35	62.21	- 0.48	3.86
-do- Acc	63.49	67.69	- 0.53	3.86
High Income	44.51	47.48†	- 0.72	7.58
-do- Acc	55.35	59.04†	- 0.90	7.58
Pacific	52.94	56.47	- 0.35	1.78
-do- Acc	55.36	59.06	- 0.37	1.78
UK Smaller Cos	42.54	45.38	- 0.71	2.19
-do- Acc	46.24	49.32	- 0.78	2.19
Am Sm Cos Eqy	55.15	56.57	+ 0.38	...
-do- Acc	55.61	57.03	+ 0.39	...
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Pyne Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing:				
0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
British Dist	64.08	68.54	- 1.34	2.96
-do- Acc	68.86	73.65	- 1.44	2.96
Capital	83.06	88.83	- 2.09	3.16
-do- Acc	124.80	133.50	- 3.10	3.16
European Gth	131.50	140.00†	- 2.90	1.36
-do- Acc	164.30	175.00	- 3.60	1.36
Extra High Inc	60.06	64.24	- 1.13	7.79
-do- Acc	94.44	101.00	- 1.80	7.79
Gilt Fixed Int	51.00	53.10	+ 0.21	9.92
-do- Acc	121.40	126.40	+ 0.20	9.92
High Yield	181.10	193.70†	- 3.40	6.38
-do- Acc	396.00	423.50	- 7.60	6.38
Income	232.20	248.30	- 3.20	4.94
-do- Acc	456.70	488.50	- 6.40	4.94
Intl High St Dist	60.33	64.52	- 0.45	1.55
-do- Acc	63.74	68.17	- 0.47	1.55
Japan Gth	250.40	267.80	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	263.70	282.00	+ 1.10	...
Mandarin Acc	61.15	65.40	- 0.19	1.76
North American	119.10	127.40†	+ 0.60	1.42
-do- Acc	149.60	160.00	+ 0.60	1.42
Mngd Port Acc	66.49	71.11	- 0.58	1.94
Meridian Gth	117.50	125.70	- 1.10	1.82
Meridian Inc	93.40	99.89	- 0.91	4.33
Smaller Cos	109.70	117.30	- 1.20	2.72
-do- Acc	128.20	137.10	- 1.40	2.72
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT.				
Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0723				
American Gth	166.40	178.10	+ 3.00	0.78
Cash Inc	100.43	100.43†	+ 0.14	10.61
Cash Acc	112.33	112.33†	+ 0.15	10.61
Euro Gth Acc	190.70	203.70	- 2.40	...
Europa	99.16	106.20	- 1.50	...
Intl Gth	136.10	144.90†	- 0.50	...
Japan Tracker	60.08	63.72†	+ 0.09	...
UK Equity Inc	109.50	117.80†	- 2.10	4.58
-do- Acc	126.30	135.90†	- 2.50	4.58
UK Ind Tracker	117.20	125.20	- 2.10	3.93
US Eq Ind Trkr	136.20	146.10	+ 1.80	3.07
-do- Acc	141.50	151.80	+ 1.90	3.07
Asian Tracker	80.16	86.55†	+ 0.11	1.81
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX.				
0345 090 913				
American Inc	125.60	133.00	+ 0.80	3.56
European	51.46	54.92	- 0.71	1.27
Far Eastern	105.80	112.80	+ 0.50	0.95
Olympiad	45.10	48.13	- 0.11	0.73
Olympiad Inc	41.82	44.63†	- 0.16	5.70
Smaller Cos	47.42	50.60†	- 0.38	3.00
Equity Income	78.51	83.79	- 1.14	5.88
UK Growth	73.40	78.34	- 1.06	1.72
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour,				
Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing:				
0705 387730				
American Acc	34.28	36.56	+ 0.38	1.12
Australian Acc	229.60	246.30	- 3.40	2.18
Conscience	52.64	56.17	- 0.81	1.39
-do- Acc	55.58	59.31	- 0.86	1.39
European	135.70	144.70†	- 2.70	1.04
-do- Acc	144.10	153.70	- 2.80	1.04
Extra Income	60.71	64.79	- 0.61	9.43
-do- Acc	85.25	90.98	- 0.84	9.43
Far East Gth	97.96	104.70†	...	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	52.72	55.30	+ 0.18	8.17
Gold	28.70	30.84†	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	30.91	33.23	- 0.65	...
Income	44.07	47.00	- 0.42	6.36
-do- Acc	122.90	131.00	- 1.10	6.36
International	23.08	24.76†	- 0.14	0.44
-do- Acc	33.00	35.40	- 0.21	0.44
Jap Sm Cos Acc	304.20	324.40	- 2.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	97.21	104.20	+ 0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.51	26.15	- 0.38	2.47
Special Sits	25.39	27.30†	- 0.12	0.88
-do- Acc	28.51	30.66	- 0.22	0.88
Tokyo	63.24	67.45	- 0.46	...
-do- Acc	61.88	66.13	- 0.46	...
US Smllr Co Acc	58.65	62.72†	+ 0.75	...
UK Equity	132.10	140.90	- 2.10	4.34
-do- Acc	235.80	251.50	- 3.80	4.34
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA.				
071 407 4404				
General	124.97	132.95†	- 0.95	2.98
Global	213.47	227.10†	- 0.30	1.24
Income	155.00	164.90†	- 1.30	5.25
International	98.85	105.14†	+ 0.37	7.47
Cash	101.86	101.86	+ 0.14	10.94
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Thorpewood, Peterborough				
PE3 6GD. Dealing: 0800 626577. Enquiries:				
0733 67767				
Growth	114.40	120.30	- 1.40	3.17
-do- Acc	193.50	203.60	- 2.20	3.17
Income	174.60	185.70†	- 2.20	5.08
Intl Equity	169.40	180.20	- 1.80	1.58
-do- Acc	183.50	195.20	- 1.10	1.58
Equity	180.90	192.40	- 2.30	3.09
-do- Acc	354.10	376.70	- 4.90	3.09
UK Ind 25 Acc	53.53	56.94	- 0.53	2.78
UK Income	48.20	51.27	- 0.52	4.84
UK Smllr Co Acc	53.66	57.08	+ 0.05	2.22
New Europe Acc	50.60	53.82	- 0.56	1.42
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames.				
0491 576868				
Asian Smllr Mkt	45.28	48.43	+ 0.50	1.20
PEP Gth Inc	67.17	71.85	- 0.81	2.39
Intl Gth	335.18	358.49	- 3.57	0.67
Income	215.31	230.28†	- 2.61	5.15
W wide Recov	201.49	215.50	- 2.76	0.99
American Gth	126.05	134.82	- 0.78	0.26

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Emerg Cos	107.81	115.31	- 0.80	0.77
Far East Gth	120.04	128.39	- 1.31	0.67
European Gth	83.38	89.18	- 1.18	1.73
UK Growth	53.37	57.09	- 0.56	4.16
High Income	61.19	65.45	- 0.74	5.82
Japanese Gth	145.09	154.85	+ 0.07	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London.				
EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	145.60	154.90	+ 1.80	1.56
High Income	82.48	87.75†	+ 0.74	5.18
Conv Gilt	100.30	106.70†	+ 4.00	8.02
Far East	214.90	229.10	- 1.40	0.92
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent				
ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	35.81	38.10	+ 0.23	0.77
Emerging Mkts	36.43	38.75	+ 0.49	0.30
General	40.00	42.55	+ 0.07	4.80
International	66.53	70.78	+ 0.02	1.81
Gilt Units	23.40	24.12†	...	8.91
Global PEP	27.62	29.38†	- 0.25	2.57
Income Gth	54.43	57.90†	- 0.71	6.36
European	35.83	38.09	- 0.55	1.39
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.15	23.56	- 0.06	8.13
UK Smaller Cos	20.81	22.14	- 0.26	3.31
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL.				
081 478 3377				
Holb Trust	22.98	24.57	- 0.15	1.66
Holb Cash Hvn	107.48	107.48	+ 0.17	10.43
Holb Equity	542.46	580.17†	- 5.51	3.38
Holb Equity Inc	63.45	67.86†	- 0.12	5.32
Holb European	135.15	144.54†	- 2.27	2.34
Holb Global Gth	58.86	62.95	- 0.49	2.52
Holb High Inc	71.94	76.94	- 0.30	6.72
Holb Intl	117.31	125.46	- 0.88	1.40
Holb Intl Sm Co	50.13	53.61	- 0.22	1.75
Holb Japanese	132.93	142.17	- 0.86	...
Holb Nth Amer	90.47	96.75†	+ 0.12	0.99
Holb Pacific Mkt	50.52	54.03	- 0.16	2.50
Holb Prefer Inc	43.56	45.35†	+ 0.15	8.48
Holb Smllr Cos	68.69	73.46†	- 0.80	2.70
Holb Spec Sits	81.27	87.02	- 0.24	3.31
Holb UK Growth	89.48	95.70	- 0.67	3.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR.				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	120.68	130.22†	- 0.77	4.70
Japan	186.50	200.00	+ 1.03	...
Major UK Cos	77.26	83.27	- 0.65	3.05
Smllr Amrcan	66.63	71.54	+ 0.32	1.99
American Income	327.15	350.48	+ 4.36	1.01
-do- Acc	377.96	404.91	+ 5.05	1.01
Smllr UK Cos	195.85	213.44	- 0.09	2.64
Smllr Canadian	41.51	45.48	- 0.09	...
Smllr European	196.20	209.69	- 1.80	1.58
SAVE & PROSPER				
28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB.				
0708 766966				
Amer Inc Gth	50.95	54.18†	+ 0.78	6.05
Capital Units	112.20	119.30	- 1.40	2.17
Commodity	80.64	85.78	+ 0.22	1.88
European Gth	120.10	127.70†	- 0.70	0.79
Financial Sec	112.30	119.40†	- 0.98	2.34
High Return	210.30	223.70	- 3.70	7.40
High Yield	196.20	208.70	- 3.40	5.53
Income Units	93.09	99.05	- 1.47	8.42
Investment	128.20	136.30†	- 2.80	2.14
Japan Gth	104.20	110.80	+ 0.70	...
Japan Smaller	169.60	179.80	- 1.30	...
[illegible]	36.42	38.95	- 0.05	1.94
Scotbits	162.40	172.90	- 1.30	3.17
Scotshares	235.60	250.60†	- 4.20	3.42
Scotyields	191.80	204.00	- 3.70	6.26
Select Intl	97.17	103.30†	- 0.10	0.51
Smaller Cos	207.50	220.70	- 2.30	5.06
Special Situation	95.85	101.90	+ 0.80	2.06
UK Equity	205.70	218.80	- 4.00	4.58
US Growth	97.58	103.80	+ 1.30	0.46
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS.				
Dealing: 071 606 8484. Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
American	165.30	176.30†	+ 1.10	0.89
-do- Acc¶	119.50	125.80	+ 0.48	9.53
Income	232.30	247.70	- 3.30	4.82
-do- Acc	630.80	682.40	- 14.50	4.82
Japan Enterprise	47.25	50.27	+ 0.27	...
-do- Acc	47.25	50.27	+ 0.27	...
Japan Smllr Cos	[illegible]	384.00	- 1.00	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	394.80	- 1.00	...
Pacific Gth	[illegible]	54.37	+ 0.86	1.67
-do- Acc	51.79	55.24	+ 0.09	1.67
Smaller Cos	152.40	162.90	- 1.30	1.78
-do- Acc	171.50	182.90	- 1.30	1.78
Tokyo	78.28	83.07	+ 0.50	0.19
-do- Acc	79.52	84.82	+ 0.51	0.19
UK Equity	160.30	170.70	- 2.90	4.00
-do- Acc	283.00	302.80	- 5.20	4.00
US Smllr Cos	64.36	68.84†	+ 0.27	...
-do- Acc	64.96	68.96	+ 0.22	...
[illegible]	54.32	57.94	- 0.79	2.09
-do- Acc	56.09	59.76	- 0.82	2.09
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ.				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	35.56	37.87	- 0.58	5.71
Equity Strategy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Opps	57.34	60.85	- 0.85	1.27
Maximum Inc	[illegible]	102.41	+ 0.39	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	42.45	46.27	- 0.57	1.55
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	273.90	290.50	- 3.90	4.10
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	346.80	370.90	- 6.40	1.53
Worldwide	64.37	68.86	- 0.29	1.76
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN.				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	252.20	268.30	- 3.70	3.87
UK Sm Cos Eqy	202.30	215.00	- 1.80	2.77
European	252.00	269.10†	- 3.80	1.37
North American	175.40	186.90†	+ 0.60	1.01
Income Eqy Inc	52.16	54.56	- 0.50	5.75
UK Spec Sits	57.36	61.05	- 0.77	2.54
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA.				
031 558 2341/2/3.				
Equity Gth Acc	20.83	22.27	- 0.31	4.39
Intl Growth Acc	22.20	23.76	- 0.11	0.77
Global Inc Acc	22.49	24.07†	- 0.30	5.78
Market Ldr Acc	21.30	22.58	- 0.39	4.72
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London				
EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	52.43	56.07	+ 0.47	...
Euro Spec Sits	34.53	36.78†	- 0.51	...
-do- Acc	36.04	38.36	- 0.54	...
Far East Opps	18.86	20.31	+ 0.12	...
-do- Acc	19.23	20.72	+ 0.13	...
General Growth	79.79	85.10	- 1.10	2.23

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Tech	78.76	84.90†	- 0.30	...
Income Growth	82.14	87.08	[illegible]	5.80
Income Monthly	[illegible]	52.91	- 0.56	6.77
Japan Growth	68.35	72.58	+ 0.17	...
Mngd Eqty Fund	31.77	34.05	- 0.46	2.49
-do- Acc	35.21	38.45	- 0.54	2.49
Overseas Gth	57.85	61.52†	- 0.36	...
Smaller Cos	69.16	74.38†	- 0.62	1.14
Special Opps	73.21	78.72	- 0.77	4.24
Wld Spec Sits	32.44	35.20	- 0.62	...
-do- Acc	32.69	35.24	- 0.62	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ.				
0800 393777				
Managed	34.39	36.54	- 0.34	2.41
Equity Gth Acc	48.79	49.72	- 0.53	2.21
UK Eq General	44.76	47.56	- 0.30	3.53
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.44	3.55
European Acc	[illegible]	38.30	- 0.24	1.45
Far East Acc	48.38	42.81	- 0.19	...
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.25	28.82†	- 0.25	7.97
N American Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.31	0.84
Gth Lgr Cos Acc	208.30	224.10	+ 0.40	2.34
UK Eq High Inc	30.34	32.14†	- 0.78	6.33
-do- Acc	34.81	36.14	- 0.87	6.33
UK Lgr Cos Inc	235.80	255.60	- 2.80	4.76
UK Lgr Cos Acc	291.70	316.60	- 3.30	4.76
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	278.90	297.70†	+ 1.70	0.90
British	[illegible]	630.50	- 11.80	4.18
European	312.30	332.60†	- 1.70	1.55
Japan	108.40	116.10	+ 0.30	...
New Pacific	169.20	179.90	- 0.80	1.91
Mngd Cash	96.57	96.47	+ 0.15	10.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	104.61	+ 0.15	[illegible]
PEP	143.70	152.60	- 0.70	3.70
Saints PEP	288.30	305.90		
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, Sussex.				
[illegible]				
Equity Acc	594.80	635.30	- 8.40	3.17
N American Acc	74.55	79.73	+ 0.46	[illegible]
Far East Acc	87.11	93.20	- 0.10	[illegible]
W wide Bond	47.45	50.40†	- 0.42	5.90
European	[illegible]	67.99†	- 1.53	1.42
Equity Income	66.74	71.38	- 0.17	5.81
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ.				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	24.63	26.33	+ 0.28	0.75
Managed Amer	98.97	105.56	- 1.17	4.12
UK Income	30.76	32.88	- 0.47	4.95
UK Growth	30.33	32.44	- 0.71	3.71
Worldwide Gth	22.63	24.21†	- 0.06	1.22
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE.				
[illegible]				
American	145.71	155.01	+ 2.02	0.85
-do- Acc	[illegible]	170.26	+ 2.22	0.85
British Gth	71.45	76.08	- 1.27	3.28
-do- Acc	81.33	86.52	- 1.48	3.28
European	69.89	74.13	- 1.40	1.39
-do- Acc	72.82	77.57	- 1.48	1.39
Extra Inc	155.73	165.67	- 3.16	5.57
-do- Acc	231.66	246.49	- 3.32	5.57
General Units	221.64	235.14	+ 0.30	[illegible]
-do- Acc	418.73	445.45	+ 0.57	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 12.84	5.32
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 10.37	5.32
International	372.12	401.19†	+ 2.17	0.65
-do- Acc	409.13	438.37†	+ 2.83	0.65
Pacific	221.18	235.79	- 0.81	1.12
-do- Acc	231.11	245.86	- 0.84	1.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.79
-do- Acc	85.25	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.79
Nat Resources	64.95	69.69†	+ 2.08	0.86
-do- Acc	[illegible]	75.60†	+ 2.25	0.86
Selected Opps	78.49	81.37	+ 0.98	2.83
-do- Acc	[illegible]	93.61	+ 0.71	2.83
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
The Exchange, 66 High St, Aylesbury,				
Bucks. [illegible]				
American Eagle	74.57	80.42	+ 0.45	[illegible]
Australia	6.780	7.271	- 0.06	[illegible]
Equity	157.50	168.10	- 2.30	4.81
Euro Spec Sits	112.20	119.30	- 2.50	0.73
Financial	27.42	29.50†	- 0.30	4.84
Global Opps Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.51
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.10	1.51
Gold Gen Inc	37.94	[illegible]	- 0.12	1.02
-do- Acc	71.30	76.45	- 0.30	1.02
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.53
Japan General	123.80	132.60	- 0.70	...
Preference	19.25	20.71†	+ 0.02	[illegible]
UK Capital	88.30	94.78	- 1.32	1.97
Worldwide Cap	164.50	176.30	- 2.28	[illegible]
World Income	64.32	[illegible]	- 0.96	4.81
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF.				
[illegible]				
American Opps	64.80	69.15	+ 1.16	0.16
-do- Acc	66.87	71.32	+ 1.19	0.16
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.07	10.80
-do- Acc	55.98	55.98	+ 0.08	10.80
European Opps	51.22	54.57†	- 1.07	...
-do- Acc	51.55	54.91†	- 1.08	...
Far East Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.26	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	122.14	- 1.28	0.58
Gold Opps	28.55	30.43	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	31.30	[illegible]	...
[illegible]	64.35	68.45	- 0.39	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	68.40	- 0.38	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.60	0.67
-do- Acc	[illegible]	41.33	+ 0.60	0.61
Oriental Income	33.77	35.85	- 0.19	5.17
-do- Acc	[illegible]	41.55	- 0.22	5.17
Tiger	[illegible]	142.36	[illegible]	0.81
-do- Acc	137.79	146.57	[illegible]	0.81
UK Smll Cos	54.39	58.59	+ 0.20	1.03
-do- Acc	61.43	65.60	+ 0.27	1.03
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.				
081 534 5544				
United Charities	190.80	203.40†	- 2.90	5.36
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh [illegible]				
031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	[illegible]	11.30	+ 0.05	0.50
Pacific Basin	25.71	27.35	+ 0.12	[illegible]
Canadian Gth	35.65	37.92	+ 2.30	0.10
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.01	7.76
Penny Share	19.83	21.08	- 0.16	[illegible]
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT.				
[illegible]				
[illegible]	56.00	58.04	+ 0.09	10.65
Gilt Growth	53.36	57.63	- 0.05	
Gilt Income	42.71	44.65	- 0.08	10.29
Short Dtd Gilt	93.09	94.30	+ 0.06	2.57
US Govmt Bd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Challenger	69.16	70.80†	+ 0.35	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG.				
[illegible]				
Stockmarket Bd	52.00	55.31†	- 0.28	3.40

*-Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,000	Cadburys	2,400	Lonrho	1,000	Royal Ins	916
Abbey Natl	1,300	Cm Union	459	Lucas	3,700	Ryl Bk Scot	5,400
Alld-Lyons	2,200	Courtaulds	771	MEPC	1,600	Sainsbury	4,900
Anglian W	772	Enterpr Oil	426	Marks Spr	5,100	Scot & New	278
Argyll Gp	4,000	Eurotnnl U	1,300	Maxwell	10,000	Scot Power	2,800
Arjo Wiggn	964	Fisons	2,000	Midlnd Bk	810	Sears	2,200
AB Foods	397	Forte	3,500	NatWst Bk	4,300	Svrn Trent	693
BAA	1,100	GRE	2,800	Nat Power	1,900	Shell Trans	3,000
BAT Inds	1,600	GUS A	190	Nth Wst W.	1,100	SmKl Bch	2,500
BET	1,600	Gen Acc	636	Nthrn Fds	188	Smith Nph	1,700
BICC	1,500	Gen Elec	4,700	P & O	2,000	Sun Allnce	853
BOC	691	Glaxo	3,400	Pearson	189	TSB	2,700
BP	7,500	Grand Met	2,700	Pilkington	9,400	Tarmac	966
BTR	6,700	Guinness	2,700	PowerGen	3,100	Tate & Lyle	697
Bk of Scot	596	Hanson	7,000	Prudential	4,100	Tesco	1,900
Barclays	2,600	Hawkr Sid	769	RMC	703	Thames W	1,500
Bass	1,400	Hillsdown	1,100	RTZ	1,900	Thrn EMI	746
Blue Circle	2,000	ICI	1,500	Rank Org	1,500	Traf House	3,100
Boots	3,400	Inchcape	1,300	Reckitt Col	838	Unilever	1,800
Brit Aero	1,000	Kingfisher	1,000	Redland	523	Utd Bisc	419
Brit Airwys	3,500	LASMO	941	Reed Intl	1,500	Vodafone	1,200
Brit Gas	6,900	Ladbroke	3,900	Rentokil	858	Wellcome	921
Brit Steel	7,600	Land Secs	973	Reuters	1,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,300
Brit Tele	4,900	Legal & Gn	772	Rolls Royce	2,200	Wlms Hld	1,600
Cable Wire	2,300	Lloyds Bk	3,000	Rothmans	581	Willis Crrn	695

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday)
Dow Jones .... 2894.23 (-5.81)
S&P Composite .... 375.18 (-1.37)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge . 22687.35 (-93.07)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4149.80 (+4.19)

FT-SE Euro 100 1062.86 (-7.90)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 88.5 (-0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1605.7 (+1.0)

Frankfurt: DAX 1566.57 (-21.59)

Brussels:
General .... 5375.38 (-6.61)

Paris: CAC .... 477.39 (-2.83)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 457.5 (-3.7)

London:
FT A All-Share .. 1168.95 (-5.68)
FT 500 .... 1310.63 (-5.31)
FT Gold Mines .... 171.4 (+0.2)
FT Fixed interest ... 95.68 (+0.21)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.04 (+0.34)
Bargains 22682
SEAQ Volume 490.5m
USM (Datastrm) . 143.87 (+0.47)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 18	November 29	February 20	March 2

Call options were taken out on 29/11/91: ASDA, Brown & Jackson, Cliff Res, Forte, Johnson Matthey, P&P, Saatchi & Saatchi, Steetley, Tullow Oil. Put: Greycoat. Put & Call: Conroy Petroleum.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon.	600	16	36	44	35	43	53
(*585)	650	5	20	27	74	79	85
ASDA	34	8½	10½	-	2	4	-
(*39)	43	3½	6	-	6½	9	-
Bass	900	42	62	77	20	30	38
(*936)	950	15	37	52	52	60	67
Boots	390	32	45	51	6	9	15
(*410)	420	13	26	32	17	24	30
Br Airways	200	18	26	29	6	11	16
(*205)	220	7	16	19	17	22	26
BP	300	14	20	24	9	13	16
(*302)	330	2½	7	10½	32	34	35
Br Steel	70	6	9	10	4	5	8
(*73)	80	2½	5	6½	9	12	14
C & W	500	52	67	77	6	13	19
(*534)	550	17	37	46	26	34	40
CU	460	9	17	26	30	40	43
(*428)	500	3	7	13	67	75	75
Courtauld.	460	24	41	47	13½	19	25
(*463)	500	7	22	29	39	41	45
GKN	300	11	17	22	18	31	35
(*291)	330	2½	8	13	44	53	56
Grnd Met	800	43	62	84	20	30	34
(*823)	850	16	37	58	48	57	62
ICI	1150	87	-	-	13	-	-
(*1208)	1200	54	74	97	30	64	70
Kingfishr	500	18	35	42	21	27	33
(*491)	550	5	16	22	63	62	65
Ladbroke	249	7½	14	-	18	23	-
(*236)	268	2½	8	-	34	36	-
Land Sec	460	35	48	53	4	8½	15
(*483)	500	11	24	28	22	25	34
M & S	280	10	19	23	12	14	19
(*277)	300	4	10	13	25	27	30
Sainsbury	326	25	-	-	4½	-	-
(*346)	356	7	-	-	19	-	-
Shell	500	11	15	27	21	34	37
(*486)	550	3	4½	11½	69	74	74
Smkl Bch	750	38	58	77	22	32	38
(*757)	800	15	37	53	49	57	63
Storehse	90	11	15	16	5	6	9
(*98)	100	4	9	11	10	12	14
Trafalgar	211	9	-	-	17	-	-
(*210)	231	4	-	-	35	-	-
Ultramar	330	12	17	-	28	35	-
(*311)	360	5½	9	-	53	56	-
Unilever	800	46	65	79	13	24	30
(*828)	850	18	37	50	36	49	52
Utd Bisc	360	25	35	39	6	13	16
(*375)	390	10	17	24	22	29	32

November 29, 1991 Tot: 32356 Call: 15152 Put: 17204 FT-SE Call: 4425 Put: 5682
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	460	47	61	66	8	14	18
(*492)	500	22	37	43	24	31	36
BAT Ind	600	42	53	56	17	25	33
(*616)	650	14	29	33	39	50	59
BTR	360	38	44	51	5½	12	15
(*386)	390	18	25	33	17	25	28
Br Aero	300	35	38	41	10	20	23
(*321)	330	18	23	27	24	37	39
Br Telcm	330	32	41	47	7	10½	14½
(*353)	360	13½	24	29	20	24	27
Cadbury	390	37	43	54	11	20	24
(*406)	420	20	29	38	25	34	38
Guinness	500	21	30	43	22	28	32
(*494)	525	11	20	-	39	43	-
GEC	180	9	15	17	8	10	12
(*181)	200	2½	6½	9	22	23	25
Hanson	200	6½	11½	13½	15	16	17½
(*200)	220	1½	5	7	32½	32	34
LASMO	280	30	26	32	19	30	32
(*272)	300	12	17	22	32	40	42
Lucas	120	4½	8	10	12	15	16
(*112)	130	2½	4½	7	19	21	23
P & O	472	15	-	-	38	-	-
(*440)	519	4	7½	-	83	92	-
Pilkingtn	130	6	11	13	16	18	20
(*122)	140	3½	8	9½	22	26	28
Prudential	220	24	27	31	5½	10½	12½
(*234)	240	12	16	21	13	21	22
Racal Elc	51	6½	-	-	2½	-	-
(*54)	60	2	-	-	8	-	-
RTZ	500	39	48	60	13	25	29
(*513)	550	14	23	35	40	52	57
Scot New.	390	22	34	41	15	18	26
(*397)	420	9	20	26	35	37	43
Tesco	200	39	42	46	1	3	4½
(*237)	220	22	27	32	4½	8½	11
Thames W	350	11	-	-	19	-	-
(*335)	370	4	-	-	38	-	-
Vodafone	330	36	48	54	7	11½	15
(*355)	360	18	30	38	19	24	28

FT-SE INDEX (*2420)

	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls						
Nov	21	½	½	½	½	½
Dec	69	41	22	10	5	2½
Jan	95	66	42	28	17	9
Feb	119	90	66	46	33	22
Puts						
Nov	½	31	81	131	181	231
Dec	40	62	97	143	194	242
Jan	57	81	113	152	202	245
Feb	70	90	118	151	193	241

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	260	12	22	26	3	10	12
(*269)	280	2½	11	15	14	21	22
Amstrad	30	3	5	6½	3½	5½	7½
(*29)	35	1½	3½	4½	7	9	11
Barclays	360	15	25	32	6	21	23
(*367)	390	3	12	18	29	40	40
Blue Circ	220	2½	10	13	14	16	24
(*210)	240	1	5	7	34	34	37
Br Gas	240	6	12	16	6	13	16
(*239)	260	1½	5½	8	23	26	30
Dixons	200	13	21	-	3½	7	-
(*210)	220	3	11	18	13	17	18
Eurotnnl	390	17	42	56	13	27	40
(*393)	420	8	27	38	35	48	54
Forte	240	6	16	22	7	12	17
(*240)	260	2	8	13	24	24	27
Glaxo	750	26	54	77	20	42	49
(*762)	800	9	37	55	55	69	72
Hawker	700	50	60	70	1	10	20
(*735)	750	7	20	25	20	30	35
Hillsdwn	180	3	-	12	12	-	18
(*171)	197	1	4	-	29	29	-
Lonrho	220	9	14	19	6	16½	21
(*222)	240	3	6	11	20	33	35
Midland	220	6½	16	24	9	17	18
(*214)	240	2	9	16	27	30	31
Reuter	850	64	95	118	5	25	35
(*905)	900	28	65	90	19	43	57
R-Royce	130	3	7½	8½	8	14	15
(*124)	140	1	3½	5½	18	23	25
Sears	90	8	13	16	1½	4	7
(*97)	100	2½	8	10	5½	8½	11
Thrn Emi	750	32	48	69	6	19	25
(*770)	800	6	24	42	33	47	51
TSB	120	5½	9½	12	3	8	9
(*121)	130	2	4½	8½	10½	14	16
Vaal Reefs	70	4	7½	11	4½	8½	10½
(*$69)	80	1	4	-	11	15	-
Wellcome	850	20	57	85	32	50	60
(*836)	900	6	37	62	70	77	85

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	390	15	25	35	16	25	25
(*385)	420	5	13	22	42	43	45

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	230	11	13	-	13	14	-
(*228)	250	4	8	-	27	28	-

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	140	4½	8	13	5	9	11
(*139)	160	1½	3	5½	24	25	25
Scot Pwr	90	12	-	-	1	-	-
(*100)	100	3½	-	-	3½	-	-

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 91	2449.0	2455.0	2414.0	2437.0	9769
Previous open interest: 36327	Mar 92	2484.0	2486.0	2452.0	2472.0	277
Three Month Sterling	Dec 91	89.39	89.42	89.37	89.39	7399
Previous open interest: 166643	Mar 92	89.81	89.87	89.79	89.86	16177
	Jun 92	89.93	89.99	89.93	89.98	3027
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 91	95.06	95.07	95.06	95.07	628
Previous open interest: 43899	Mar 92	95.27	95.28	95.26	95.28	1788
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 91	90.50	90.50	90.46	90.48	4363
Previous open interest: 178048	Mar 92	90.75	90.76	90.71	90.74	8835
US Treasury Bond	Dec 91	99-13	99-23	99-13	99-19	1232
Previous open interest: 3074	Mar 92	98-20	98-23	98-20	98-22	85
Long Gilt	Dec 91	94-04	94-10	93-29	94-05	13436
Previous open interest: 54594	Mar 92	94-09	94-16	94-05	94-12	12189
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 91	100.05	100.13	100.01	223	
	Mar 92	100.32	100.32	100.26	395	
German Govmt Bond	Dec 91	85.71	85.77	85.56	85.58	22298
Previous open interest: 84410	Mar 92	86.13	86.19	86.00	86.03	9396
Three month ECU	Dec 91	89.80	89.81	89.76	89.76	360
Previous open interest: 6415	Mar 92	90.16	90.16	90.12	90.14	346
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 91	91.83	91.90	91.83	91.85	601
Previous open interest: 25688	Mar 92	92.19	92.25	92.15	92.20	1101
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 91	96.48	96.69	96.48	96.60	4184
Previous open interest: 15940	Mar 92	96.67	96.81	96.67	96.70	2240

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Raw sugar futures ended early with prices generally higher ahead of the re-opening of the New York market on Monday. Cocoa futures closed with small losses after interest continued to focus on the near Dec/March spread in the absence of the US market, closed for an extended Thanksgiving holiday.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Dec	719-718	Mar	886-884
Mar	763-762	May	904-900
May	786-785	Jul	920-916
Jul	810-809	Sep	934-932
Sep	832-831		
Dec	859-858		Volume: 4938

COFFEE (ROBUSTA)

Sep	unq	May	unq
Nov	unq	Jul	unq
Jan	621-620	Sep	unq
Mar	588-587		Volume: 2218

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Aug	197.8-80.0
Spot: unq		Oct	197.8-78.4
Dec	unq	Dec	197.8-70.4
Mar	192.8-92.0	Mar	202.8-65.4
May	192.8-91.8		Volume: 123

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	265.0-62.6
Spot: 279.5		Dec	263.0-59.6
Mar	280.5-79.6	Mar	265.0-60.6
May	281.5-80.2	May	265.0-60.6
Aug	285.5-83.6		Volume: 57

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.19	152.43	104.03
(+/-)	-4.04	*5.71	-1.13
Eng/Wales:	83.19	152.73	104.02
(+/-)	-4.04	+5.09	-0.68
(%)	-15.0	+2.6	-42.4
Scotland:	n/a	151.48	104.43
(+/-)	n/a	+7.51	-4.32
(%)	n/a	-3.9	-86.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jan	103.0	103.3	Mar	unq	106.0
Feb	103.8	104.5			Volume: 11

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	unq
Jan	125.25
Mar	128.50
May	131.50
JUn	133.20
	Volume: 350

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	unq
Jan	119.75
Mar	122.95
May	124.80
Sep	unq
	Volume: 84

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Dec	129.00
Feb	130.50
Apr	130.50
Jun	124.50
Aug	125.50
	Volume: 25

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	125.9
Apr	127.2	125.7
May	unq	142.0
		Volume: 186

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)

	Open	Close
Jan	52.00-51.00	

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) -

London 6.00pm: The market was very slow as US players were decimated by the holidays.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.05	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	20.10	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	20.25	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	21.65	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	21.50	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	223 (-1)	226 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	195 (n/c)	197 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	195 (-2)	196 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	198 (-2)	199 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (n/c)	82 (n/c)
Naphtha	200 (-3)	204 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Dec	194.75-94.50	Apr	185.00-83.25
Jan	196.25-96.00	May	179.00 BID
Feb	194.25-94.00	Jun	unq
Mar	189.75-89.25		Vol: 10054

BRENT

Dec	20.05-20.10	Feb	20.10-20.15
Jan	20.25-20.30		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 91	1620	1610	1620
Jan 92	1645	1615	1645
Apr 92	1650	1640	1650
Jul 92	1430	1430	1434

Vol: 116 lots. Open int'st: 2752 Index 1589 -6

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Nov	Bid: unq	Offer: ...
Jan	Bid: unq	Offer: ...
Jun	Bid: unq	Offer: ...
(5pm prices)		Volume: 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1315.0-1317.0	1307.0-1308.0	108045
Lead (£/tonne)	289.00-290.00	299.00-299.50	40300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1205.0-1206.0	1189.0-1190.0	221600
Tin ($/tonne)	5470.0-5480.0	5515.0-5520.0	7655
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1102.0-1102.5	1128.5-1129.0	458975
Nickel ($/tonne)	7138.0-7140.0	7165.0-7170.0	13464

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.6 (day's range 90.4-90.6).

Mkt Rates for Nov 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2205-3.2439	3.2334-2.2379	¾-½pr	⅞-¾pr
Brussels	58.75-59.36	59.01-59.23	9-4pr	20-15pr
Copenhagen	11.0976-11.2183	11.1432-11.1703	1⅛-1pr	3¼-2¾pr
Dublin	1.0737-1.0789	1.0779-1.0789	4pr-1ds	7pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.8666-2.8755	2.8709-2.8751	⅝-½pr	[illegible]
Lisbon	253.55-256.44	254.55-255.64	12-25ds	43-116ds
Madrid	181.89-183.21	182.31-182.99	29-36ds	48-97ds
Milan	2155.66-2168.32	2160.46-2165.83	3-5ds	8-10ds
Montreal	1.9919-2.0038	1.9995-2.0038	0.56-0.49pr	1.10-1.08pr
New York	1.7565-1.7655	1.7640-1.7655	0.82-0.80pr	2.45-2.43pr
Oslo	11.2381-11.3399	11.2773-11.3045	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1¼pr
Paris	9.7732-9.8259	9.8078-9.8250	⅞-½pr	2¼-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.4564-10.5627	10.4905-10.5171	1-1¼ds	2⅞-3⅛ds
Tokyo	228.52-229.78	229.41-229.78	⅝-½pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	20.1137-20.3075	20.1872-20.2220	2⅞-1⅞pr	6⅞-3⅞pr
Zurich	2.5258-2.5389	2.5340-2.5379	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Enel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina austral*	17453.7-17491.1
Australia dollar	2.2500-2.2528
Bahrain dinar	0.6605-0.6685
Brazil cruzeiro*	1462.29-1463.39
Cyprus pound	0.801-0.811
Finland marka	7.725-7.785
Greece drachma	325.15-328.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.6747-13.6843
India rupee	45.31-45.71
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5015-0.5075
Malaysia ringgit	4.8470-4.8516
Mexico peso	5330-5430
New Zealand dollar	3.1324-3.1390
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.555-6.635
Singapore dollar	2.9351-2.9386
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3474-5.4330
S Africa rand (com)	4.9309-4.9391
U A E dirham	6.4325-6.5125

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.

Australia	1.2769-1.2777
Austria	11.46-11.48
Belgium (Conv)	33.53-33.56
Canada	1.1341-1.1346
Denmark	6.3400-6.3450
France	5.5575-5.5625
Germany	1.6290-1.6300
Hong Kong	7.7609-7.7619
Ireland	1.6350-1.6365
Italy	1225.5-1226.5
Japan	129.00-130.00
Malaysia	2.7509-2.7519
Netherlands	1.8355-1.8365
Norway	6.4125-6.4175
Portugal	144.55-144.85
Singapore	1.6658-1.6668
Spain	103.45-103.55
Sweden	5.9640-5.9690
Switzerland	1.4375-1.4382

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11 Low 10½ Week fixed: 10⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10 7/32; 3 mth 10⅛. Sell: 2 mth 10 5/32; 3 mth 10 1/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 10¾, close 10½.					
Local Authority Deps:	10⅝	n/a	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.17-5.12	4.98-4.93	4.88-4.83	4.85-4.80	4.93-4.88
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £1,028m allotted: £300m: Bids: £97.48 % received: 30%; Last week: £97.46 % received: 75%; Avge rate: £10.0806% last wk £10.1662%; Next week: £300m.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	7¼-7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	6¼-6	[illegible]	6⅛-6	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bullion: Open $365.6-366.0 Close: $366.2-366.7 Low: $365.5-366.0 High: $367.2-367.7
Krugerrand: $366.0-367.0 (£207.0-208.0)
Sovereigns: Old $87.0-88.0 (£48.7-49.7) New $87.2-88.2 (£49.0-50.0)
Platinum: $369.00 (£209.35) Silver: $4.07 (£2.305) Palladium: $83.75 (£47.50)

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GOLF

Richardson feels ready to extend a successful year

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, MELBOURNE

STEVEN Richardson has enjoyed a wonderful year and, as he demonstrated with a 70 in the second round of the Australian Open, it is far from over. His halfway score of 142, two under par, here on the Royal Melbourne course, left him only two strokes off the lead that is shared by Mats Lanner, who shot a second-round 73, of Sweden, and Hank Baran, of the United States, who had a 68.

"I would like to think I can win it from here," Richardson said. "I didn't hit the ball as well as I can, so a 70 was a good score. The trick here is to eliminate the number of mistakes you make."

Richardson has done just that this year. His emergence was a highlight of the 1991 European season, and while Severiano Ballesteros was ranked No. 1 in the Volvo Order of Merit, Richardson, helped by victories in the the Girona Open and the Portuguese Open, finished second.

"I was more than a little chuffed about that," Richardson said. "They say no one remembers people who come second, but I'll remember it for all of my life and I think for good reason. I won my first tournament, the Girona Open, and that will always be special to me. I also played in the Ryder Cup, where the atmosphere was amazing."

Richardson, aged 25, whose father is the professional at Lee-on-the-Solent, has clearly learned much this year. The wind that caused problems for most players yesterday did little to ruffle him as he dropped only one shot, taking three putts at the 7th, where the hole was cut on a crown. He had three birdies, meanwhile, including a two at the 16th where he hit a six-iron to five feet.

Jamie Spence added a 72 to his first round of 70 to move alongside Richardson and Rodger Davis, of Australia. Spence, however, was left to rue the shots he dropped at 16th and 18th holes that cost him the chance of sharing the lead.

"I can hardly complain because I holed my fair share of putts," he said, "but I did also three-putt the 17th to miss a birdie chance."

Spence scored 65 in the second round of the Open at St Andrews in 1990, but he is only now beginning to reap the benefit of time spent on the practice range. In surviving the halfway cut 23 times in succession, following a disappointing start to the European season, he found the consistency previously lacking in his play. He also came close to winning when he finished joint second behind Frank Nobilo in the Lancôme Trophy.

The key holes at Royal Melbourne are the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Spence played all four quite beautifully. His striking of the ball is much improved, a fact emphasised by the three-iron shots with which he found the greens at both the 9th and 11th holes.

Colin Montgomerie, who took 75, was one of many players who considered the greens to be unfair. "I'm surprised that they've prepared them this way because I'm sure people don't pay to come and see us struggling over putts," he said.

Montgomerie finished with a 75, but he made the halfway cut with a total of 151. Ronan Rafferty also survived following a 73 for 148.

☐ **Ibusuki**, Japan — Larry Nelson held the lead at the halfway stage of the Casio World Open here yesterday. The American shot a 64, eight under par, to establish a two-shot advantage. Sandy Lyle, of Britain, had a 67 to share sixth place. *(Reuter)*

SCORES FROM MELBOURNE

SECOND ROUND (Australia unless stated): 140: H Baran (US), 72, 68; M Lanner (Swe), 67, 73. 142: S Richardson (GB), 72, 70; J Spence (GB), 70, 72; R Davis, 72, 70. 143: B Ogle, 71, 72. 144: C Parry, 74, 70; L Rinker (US), 67, 77. 146: G Waite (NZ), 68, 78; J Clifford, 71, 75; J Wagner, 72, 74; A Forsbrand (Swe), 72, 74; A Painter, 72, 74, M Bradley (US), 71, 75: W Riley, 72, 74. 147: B King, 74, 73; M Harwood, 72, 75; G Joyner, 75, 72; G Merrick, 74, 73.

148: B Andrews, 73, 75; P Kent (GB), 73, 75; P Moloney, 75, 73; S Appleby, 74, 74; D Silva (Por), 73, 75; K Trimble, 72, 75; M Clayton, 74, 74; R Allenby, 70, 78; M Lane (NZ), 75, 73; F Nobilo (NZ), 70, 78; D Merriman, 74, 74; J Evans, 73, 75; R Shearer, 73, 75; R Rafferty (N Ire), 75, 73; J Kay (US), 72, 76.

149: I Baker-Finch, 74, 75; G Norman, 76, 73; D Mijovic (Can), 72, 77; K Valentine, 73, 76. 150: C Gray, 74, 76; M Cato (US), 74, 76; M Gates (Can), 77, 73; N Perera (Sri Lanka), 73, 77; A Hill, 74, 76; S Taylor (US), 72, 78. Other British: 151: C Montgomerie, 76, 75. 153: B Jackson, 75, 79.

A sport on the ropes in Soweto may yet offer hope in a changing republic

Squaring up to the squalor

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

Welcome exception: Ncita is one of the few black boxers to command a high profile in South Africa

The Central Western Boxing Club sounded grand enough, but the reality was somewhat different. A youth, tattered T-shirt hanging from his wafer-thin frame, lounged against the door of a low-slung shed that made the Thomas à Becket seem like Caesars Palace. He was announced by Abed Molekwa, the club's trainer, as a former South African junior flyweight champion, as "a Marvin Hagler in the making" — give or take three square meals a day.

"He left boxing for three years and became a thug," Molekwa said matter-of-factly. Thug or boxer, the dividing line is thin enough in Detroit, near invisible in Soweto, where employment and food are equally scarce.

Thankfully, Molekwa added, the boy had returned to boxing last year and turned professional. "He has only had three fights. Won them all, but it's hard to get fights here." The boy shuffled off to find the key to the gym, which was roughly the size of two boxing rings.

Training for the 35 boxers attached to the club is sandwiched between dancing classes and weightlifting three nights a week. For sparring, the hall is divided into two with benches for ropes. An ancient punch bag is brought out and slung from a rusty frame. Under instruction, the boy slings a few half-hearted blows at the bag and then returns to reading his newspaper.

Soweto has long been a quarry of good boxers, but the most talented are extracted and taken to train in Johannesburg. Most of the promoters are white and, though Welcome Ncita and Jacob "Baby Jake" Matlala are notable exceptions, it is the white boxers who can command the sponsorship and exposure.

Even they find it hard enough to get good bouts because of the reluctance of the international boxing authorities to recognise a sport that is still run by the government. Coetzer, the World Boxing Association's No. 2 heavyweight, had to pull out of a bout against Anthony Wade in Sun City on Saturday, which could cost him a title challenge against Evander Holyfield.

"The raw material is here, but we just do not have the facilities or the equipment. It's sad, because there are champions on every corner. We could provide the whole Olympic team right here," Sello Noinyane said, one expansive gesture taking in over two million people.

Noinyane is Soweto's answer to Mickey Duff, except that he has never promoted a boxing match. He is a big, jovial man, brought up in a family of ten in Soweto, and is the owner of a sanitation company and a nice house in Johannesburg. He has all the trappings of a promoter, including a white Mercedes, driven with an alarming disregard for the highway code, boundless optimism and a ceaseless patter.

"What do they say about Soweto in Europe? That whites will be killed. Not true. You can go around here untouched. You are safer here than in the centre of Johannesburg." Noinyane's vision of Soweto as the home of future champions is either blindingly brilliant or touchingly naive. A brief tour of the 20 gyms in Soweto, of the squatter camps and the squalor, made the latter seem hot favourite.

However, hope springs eternal. Noinyane is off to see Don King soon, to try and persuade him to send some of his boxers down to the townships.

Noinyane, who believes a new South Africa is just around the corner, could be in a strong position to break into the closed and confused world of South African boxing "When things change, the white promoters will need me then and if I can get some good fighters who will stay in Soweto, I will be able to get good fights for them. Boxing is a tough world, but I love it." And, as the man says, he has the raw material.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Chelsea v Nottm Forest
Coventry v Southampton
Crystal Palace v Manchester Utd
Leeds Utd v Everton
Liverpool v Norwich
Manchester City v Wimbledon
Notts County v QPR
Oldham v Aston Villa
Sheffield Utd v Luton
West Ham v Sheffield Wed

Second division

Barnsley v Newcastle
Blackburn v Middlesbrough (all ticket)
Brighton v Plymouth
Bristol City v Charlton
Cambridge v Oxford
Derby County v Leicester
Ipswich v Tranmere
Millwall v Bristol Rovers
Port Vale v Watford
Portsmouth v Wolves
Sunderland v Southend
Swindon v Grimsby

Third division

Birmingham v Bradford
Brentford v Swansea
Bury v Bournemouth
Darlington v Fulham
Exeter v Chester
Hartlepool v Huddersfield
Hull v Preston
Peterborough v Torquay
Reading v Stockport
Shrewsbury v Bolton
WBA v Stoke
Wigan v Leyton Orient

Fourth division

Barnet v Chesterfield
Blackpool v Halifax
Cardiff v Rotherham
Carlisle v Maidstone
Crewe v Hereford
Doncaster v Lincoln
Gillingham v Aldershot
Mansfield v Walsall
Northampton v Burnley
Scarborough v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v York

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Merthyr Tydfil
Bath v Kidderminster (2.00)
Farnborough v Kettering
Gateshead v Redbridge (2.00)
Macclesfield v Witton
Northwich v Colchester
Welling v Barrow
Wycombe v Cheltenham
Yeovil v Stafford

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v Falkirk
Celtic v Dunfermline
Hearts v Airdrie
Motherwell v Rangers
St Johnstone v Hibernian
St Mirren v Dundee Utd

First division

Ayr Utd v Montrose
Dundee v Forfar
Hamilton v Kilmarnock
Partick v Meadowbank
Raith v Clydebank
Stirling v Morton

Second division

Alloa v East Fife
Arbroath v Clyde
Berwick v East Stirling (2.00)
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
Dumbarton v Brechin
Stenhsmuir v Queen of the South
Stranraer v Albion

FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying: Chorley v Frickley, Fleetwood v Seaham Red Star; Morecambe v Emley; Northallerton v Matlock. Tow Law v Bishop Auckland. Whitby v Easington Colliery; Rhyl v Southport; Horwich v Marine; Billingham v Droylsden, South Bank v Bangor City; Blyth v Accrington Stanley; Fisher v Bromsgrove, VS Rugby v Leicester United, Dudley v Worcester; Wembley v Chalfont St Peter; Sutton Coldfield v Cambridge City, Hendon v Wealdstone, Harrow v Bishop's Stortford; Atherstone v Heybridge Swifts, Burton v Chesham; Moor Green v Boston, Dagenham v St Albans, Tooting and Mitcham v Walton and Hersham; Dorking v Barry; Stroud v Newport AFC; Windsor and Eton v Sutton United, Gravesend v Marlow, Bromley v Weymouth, Wokingham v Salisbury; Slough v Margate. Bashley v Corshalton; Kingstonian v Dorchester.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays v Bognor, Wivenhoe v Staines. Woking v Enfield. First division: Abingdon Town v Leyton Wingate; Aveley v Croydon, Barking v Maidenhead United; Uxbridge v Harlow, Whyteleafe v Yeading. Second division: Berkhamsted v Metropolitan Police, Egham v Southall, Harefield v Billericay, Hungerford v Hemel Hempstead: Leatherhead v Newbury; Malden Vale v Barton; Rainham v Saffron Walden; Ruislip Manor v Worthing; Southwick v Banstead; Witham v Purfleet. Third division: Camberley v Tong; Cove v Hampton, Epsom and Ewell v Petersfield; Feltham and Hounslow Borough v Edgware; Hornchurch v Hertford; Kingsbury v Bracknell, Royston v Flackwell Heath; Thame v Tilbury

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Goole v Buxton; Mossley v Gainsborough; Shepshed v Whitley Bay. Stalybridge v Leek Town. First division: Alfreton v Lancaster, Caernarfon v Eastwood Town; Curzon Ashton v Rossendale; Harrogate Town v Colwyn Bay; Irlam v Bridlington Town; Netherfield v Congleton; Winsford v Guiseley; Workington v Newtown; Worksop v Radcliffe

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby v Crawley, Dartford v Dorchester; Dover v Trowbridge; Halesowen v Waterlooville. Midland division: Bilston v Nuneaton Borough; Bridgnorth v Stourbridge; Grantham v RC Warwick; Hednesford v Solihull Borough; Hinckley Town v King's Lynn; Redditch v Rushden; Tamworth v Alvechurch. Southern division: Ashford v Braintree; Baldock v Buckingham Town; Dunstable v Gosport Borough; Erith and Belvedere v Newport IoW; Hastings v Andover; Havant v Sudbury; Sittingbourne v Canterbury; Witney v Fareham.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION (2.00): Southampton v Ipswich; Tottenham v Portsmouth

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Omagh; Ballyclare v Ballymena; Coleraine v Linfield, Crusaders v Portadown; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Glentoran v Bangor, Larne v Carrick; Newry v Distillery.

ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Briton Ferry v Cwmbran; Ferndale v Caldicot; Haverfordwest v Ebbw Vale; Inter Cardiff v Bridgend; Llanelli v Afan Lido; Maesteg v Brecon; Ton Pentre v Pembroke

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Welton Rovers, Chippenham v Minehead; Dawlish v Bideford; Elmore v Saltash; Frome v Paulton, Liskeard v Chard; Mangotsfield v Exmouth, Plymouth Argyle v Clevedon; Taunton v Tiverton; Torrington v Ottery St Mary.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Gretna v Guisborough, West Auckland v Newcastle Blue Star; Whickham v Peterlee Newtown

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Eccleshill, Denaby v North Shields; Liversedge v Glasshoughton Welfare, North Ferriby v Harrogate RA; Ossett Town v Maltby MW, Pontefract Collieries v Sutton Town, Spennymoor v Sheffield, Thackley v Armthorpe Welfare.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Penrith, Clitheroe v Skelmersdale; Darwen v Bradford Park Avenue; Flixton v Bootle. Raab Karcher Cup: Ashton v Great Harwood; Bamber Bridge v Maine Road (Manchester); Blackpool Rovers v Castleton Gabriels; Cheadle v Prescot; Eastwood Hanley v Atherton LR, Glossop v Burscough, Maghull v Salford; Nantwich v St Helens.

FA VASE: Second round replays: Hebburn v Newton Aycliffe, Herne Bay v Hythe.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Arsenal v Wimbledon; Bristol City v Southend, Chelsea v West Ham; Tottenham v Maidstone. First division: Cambridge United v Millwall: Leyton Orient v Fulham, Norwich v Gillingham; Portsmouth v Ipswich, Watford v Queen's Park Rangers. Second division: Aldershot v Reading; Bournemouth v Brighton; Brentford v Swindon: Luton v Tottenham; Oxford United v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Bristol Rovers.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Foresters, Old Cholmeleians v Old Reptonians; Old Malvernians v Old Etonians. First division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Harrovians, Old Haileyburians v Old Ardinians, Old Salopians v Old Westminsters, Old Wellingburians v Old Bradfieldians.

RUGBY UNION

3.00 unless stated

Pilkington Cup
Third round

Bath v Nottingham (2.30)
Bedford v Harlequins
Bristol v Clifton (2.30)
Coventry v Northampton
Fylde v Leicester (2.15)
London Scottish v Tynedale (2.00)
Loughborough Students v Rosslyn Park (2.00)
Lydney v Sale (2.30)
Manchester v Wigton (2.15)
Newcastle Gosforth v Ruislip (2.30)
Orrell v Camborne (2.30)
Rugby v Gloucester
Saracens v Richmond (2.30)
Thurrock v London Irish (2.30)
Wasps v High Wycombe (2.30)
W Hartlepool v Waterloo (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

All 2.00

Currie v Glasgow High/Kelvinside
Gala v Stirling Co
Hawick v Jed-Forest
Melrose v Selkirk
Stewart's Mel FP v Edinburgh Acad
Watsonians v Heriot's FP
W of Scotland v Boroughmuir

Second division

Ayr v Musselburgh
Dundee HSFP v Corstorphine
Dunfermline v Kelso
Glasgow Acad v Peebles
Kilmarnock v Royal High
Preston Lodge v Kirkcaldy
Wigtownshire v Edinburgh Wand

Heineken Welsh League
First division

All 2.30

Cardiff v Pontypridd
Newbridge v Neath
Newport v Llanelli
Pontypool v Maesteg
Swansea v Bridgend

Second division

Abertillery v Penarth
Dunvant v Cross Keys
Ebbw Vale v Glamorgan W
Llanharan v S Wales Police
Tredegar v Aberavon

Insurance Corporation
All Ireland League

All 2.30

First division

Ballymena v St Mary's Coll
Lansdowne v Young Munster
Old Wesley v Garryowen
Shannon v Constitution

Second division

Bangor v Dolphin
Greystones v Blackrock Coll
Malone v Dungannon
Sundays Well v CIYMS
Terenure v Wanderers

Club matches

Askeans v Met Police (2.30)
Cambridge Univ v Sheffield (2.00)
London Welsh v Blackheath (2.15)
Northern v Wakefield (2.30)
Oxford Univ v Bristol Univ (3.00)
Vale of Lune v Roundhay (2.30)

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Fifth round: London and South-East: Barnet v Loughton. Bexley v Deal Wanderers; Fakenham v Old Suttonians; Ongar v London Cornish. Midlands: Ashfield Swans v Edwardian, Birmingham City Officials v Old Northamptonians; Droitwich v Ashbourne; Manor Park v St Neots. North: Metrovick v Bradford Salem; Moresby v Aspull; Northallerton v Altrincham Kersal. St Benedict's v Rockcliff. South and South-West: Bristol Telephones v Bracknell, Bicester v Helston. Old Richians v Old Bristolians Stow-on-the-Wold v Gordano

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Third round: Salford v Wigan (3.00)

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v East Grinstead (Edenbridge SC, 1.30). Firebrands v Cannock (Clifton College, Bristol, 12.30). Indian Gymkhana v Bournville (Feltham School, 2.00): Lyons v St Albans (Vale Farm, Sudbury, 10.30). Neston v Hounslow (Neston RC, 2.00). Slough v Teddington (Wexham School, 2.00). Southgate v Old Loughtonians (Broomfield School, 2.00). Stourport v Havant (King Charles School, Kidderminster, 2.30). Trojans v Welton (Trojans SC 1.00) Second division: Barford Tigers v Gore Court (Holyhead SC, Handsworth, 1.15). Chelmsford v Guildford (Chelmer Park, 1.30): Cheltenham v Surbiton (Bournside SC, 1.15). Doncaster v Brean (Quibell Park, Scunthorpe, 11.00). Formby v Richmond (Blaguegate SC, Skelmersdale, 1.30). Isca v Bournemouth (Exeter School, 2.00). Reading v Canterbury (Sonning Lane, 2.00). Wakefield v Cambridge City (Featherstone SC, 2.00) Warrington v Harborne (Albert Park, Salford, 1.30)

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Weybridge Hawks, Cambridge University v Mid-Surrey. Hampstead-Westminster v Oxford University. London University v Spencer. Old Kingstonians v Wimbledon. Purley v Tulse Hill.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Fareham, Ashford v Old Bordenians. Bognor v Woking v Old Mid-Eastcote v High Wycombe. Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Staines. Old Tauntonians v Worthing. Oxford Hawks v Chichester. Tunbridge Wells v Marden Russets. Winchester v Camberley. Hampshire-Surrey: Barnes v Hamble OB. City of Portsmouth v Pirelli. Epsom v Merton: Metropolitan Police v Basingstoke. NatWest Bank v Walton. Old Edwardians v Goan. Oxshott v Old Walcountians v Oxted v Fleet. Southampton University v Old Whitgiftians. Kent-Sussex: BICC v Herne Bay. Burnt Ash v Lloyds Bank Gravesend v Crowborough. Lewes v Horsham. Midland Bank v Eastbourne Mid-Sussex v Old Beccehamians, Old Holcombeians v Rochester and Gillingham: Thames Polytechnic v Old Williamsonians, Tonbridge v Sevenoaks Middlesex-Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Bracknell, City of Oxford v Aylesbury. Gerrards Cross v Marlow. Harrow v Wokingham, Hayes v OMT. Hendon v Ramgarhia, Mill Hill v Witney. Southgate Adelaide v NPL. Sunbury v Windsor.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v Belper. Coventry and North Warwickshire v Bridgnorth, Edgbaston v Nottingham: Khalsa v Olton and West Warwickshire. Leicester Westleigh v Beeston

NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge v Timperley. Ben Rhydding v Sheffield. Blackburn v York. Brooklands v Ramgarhia, Disley v Swalwell: Durham University v Norton. Hightown Northern v Bowdon, Preston v Liverpool Sefton

MOWLEM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First division: Bradford v Chapeltown: Grimsby v Halifax, Huddersfield v Welton. Appleby Frodingham v Farsley, Harrogate v Doncaster. Driffield v Sheffield Bankers. Lincoln v York CS Trojans. Bardsey v Rotherham. Wakefield v Adel.

HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division. Deeside Ramblers v Prescot. Macclesfield v Manchester. Southport v Manchester YMCA, Oxton v Cheetham Hill, Springfields v West Derby. St Helens v Knutsford. Wigan v Chester. Winnington Park v Northop Hall

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Slough v Chelmsford. Yate and South Glos v Sherwood. Wimbledon v Ealing. Doncaster v FP Sutton Coldfield. Hightown v Clifton. Ipswich v Leicester. Second division: Pickwick v Exmouth. Bradford v Cambridge. Portsmouth v Bracknell, Harleston Magpies v Liverpool

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Sunderland Saints. Cheshire Jets v Worthing Bears Derby Bucks v Thames Valley Tigers. Hemel Hempstead Royals v Kingston Women: First division: Brixton Lady Topcats v London Jets. Hemel Hempstead v Leicester. Rhondda v Nottingham Wildcats. Second division: Camberley Golden Eagle v Harlesden Amazons. Cheshire v King's Lynn Phoenix

BOWLS

HAVEN-COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Fourth round: Cambridge Park v Wey Valley. Herga v Paddington Cyphers v Egham. Croydon v Tilbury. Grattons v Angel. Preston v Wealden. Dolphin v East Dorset. Arun v Victory. Gateshead v Stanley. Cumbria v Primrose. Consett v Darlington. Hartlepool v Thornaby. Blackpool Borough v Richardsons. Swinton v Hull Spalding v Erewash. Nottingham v Boston. White Knights v Handy Cross. Brackley v Herts. Bentham v Bristol. Cotswold v Gloucester. Donyatt v Dorchester. British Cellophane v Bridport. Plymouth Civil Service v Newquay. Exmouth v Torbay. Lakenheath v City of Ely. March v Peterborough Leicester v Kingsthorp. Avon Valley v Desborough (Northants). Great Yarmouth v Browston Hall. North Walsham v Beccles. Barking v Cheshunt. Ipswich v Towerlands

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE. Premier division: Ayr Raiders v Murrayfield Racers. Humberside Seahawks v Norwich Peterborough Pirates. Nottingham Panthers v Bracknell Bees. First division: Milton Keynes Kings v Trafford Metros Slough Jets v Slackburn Blackhawks Swindon Wildcats v Fife Flyers. Telford Tigers v Romford Raiders

ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford Chiefs v Solihull Barons Solent Vikings v Sunderland Chiefs

LACROSSE

PEAK SPORTS-BRINE MEN'S NORTH LEAGUE. Ashton v Old Waconians. Mellor v Hulmeians. Sale v Cheadle. Sheffield Steelers v Heaton Mersey Stockport v Timperley

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUE. First division: London v Purley, Kenton v Hitchin. Hampstead v Bath Tatsfield v Hillcroft

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men. First division. Team Mizuno. Malory v Speedwell Rucanor Reebok Liverpool City v Aquila Wessex v Newcastle (Staffs) VC Hilton Leeds v Coventry Riga Polonia Ealing v Manchester Utd. Second division: Dalston Old Boys v Gateshead Armitage Team Knights I v Eastway Men RTB Chester v Radio Trent Rockets. Crunch St. Weymouth Jewson. Malory II v Dynamo London RAF v Essex Estoman Women. Second division: Speedwell v Chelmsford Partners. Purbrook (Portsmouth) v Spark. Lakeland Ladies v Manchester United. Reebok Liverpool City v Radio Trent Rockets. Polonia Ladies v Dynamo London II

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Welsh open (Cardiff)

RACKETS: Amateur singles championship (Queen's Club London)

REAL TENNIS: British open singles and doubles championships (Queen's Club London)

SNOOKER: UK championship (Guild Hall Preston)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal v Tottenham (all ticket, 2.55)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers v Sligo (2.15), Derry v Drogheda (3.30); Galway v Athlone (2.15); Shamrock Rovers v Cork City (2.15)

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Dulwich Hamlet v Hitchin

WOMEN'S FA: First division north: Cowgate Kestrels v Villa Aztecs; Davies Argyle v Sunderland, Spondon v Sheffield Wednesday. Wolverhampton v Bronte. First division south: Broadbridge Heath v Town and Country; Hassocks Beacon v Abbeydale; Milton Keynes v Arsenal. Reigate v Brighton and Hove. Cup: Fourth round: Arsenal v RS Southampton, Binfield v Reigate. Bromley Borough v Abbeydale. Bronte v Maidstone Tigresses. Crewe v District Line; Hassocks Beacon v Bristol Blackwell, Ipswich Town v Millwall Lionesses. Leasowe Pacific v Millmoor. Leyton Orient v Doncaster Belles. Harlow v Wimbledon; Middlesbrough v Frome. Notts Rangers v Davies Argyle. Preston Rangers v Manchester United. Saltdene v Pye; Solent v Spondon, St Helens v Knowsley Utd.

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Third round (3.00): Leeds v Castleford, St Helens v Bradford. Widnes v Featherstone

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Halifax v Hull (3.00). Wakefield v Warrington (3.15) Second division: Rochdale v Oldham (3.00). Workington v Carlisle (3.00). Third division: Batley v Keighley (1.00); Bramley v Whitehaven (3.30); Doncaster v Chorley (3.00); Highfield v Barrow (3.00); Hunslet v Nottingham (3.30): Trafford v Huddersfield (3.30)

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Fourth round: Bournemouth v Ipswich (Bournemouth SC, 2.00); Bromley v Slough (Edenbridge LC, 1.00): Chelmsford v Teddington (Chelmer Park, 2.30); East Grinstead v High Wycombe (East Grinstead HC, Saint Hill, 2.00). Gore Court v Wimbledon (Anchorians SC, Gillingham, 1.30): Hampstead and Westminster v Surbiton (Paddington RC, 1.00): Harleston Magpies v Doncaster (Harleston HC, 1.30), Havant v Bloxwich (Havant College, 2.15): Beeston v Hounslow (Highfields SC, Nottingham, 2.00), Indian Gymkhana v Warrington (Feltham School, 2.00). Marlow v Richmond (Handysross SC, High Wycombe, 12.30). Old Loughtonians v Neston (Chigwell, 1.30); Reading v Southgate (Sonning Lane, 2.00), St Albans v Welton (Clarence Park, 1.30). Trojans v Stourport (Trojans HC, 1.30); Isca v Cannock (Exeter School, 1.30).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Wisbech v Bishop's Stortford

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: London Towers v Manchester Giants. Sunderland Saints v Derby Bucks Women: First division: Ipswich v Sheffield Hatters: Leicester v Thames Valley. Northampton 76ers v London Central YMCA Second division: Sunderland v Milton Keynes O Cats

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE. Premier division: Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers. Durham Wasps v Ayr Raiders. Murrayfield Racers v Whitley Warriors. Norwich-Peterborough Pirates v Billingham Bombers. First division: Basingstoke Beavers v Fife Flyers. Lee Valley Lions v Swindon Wildcats. Romford Raiders v Blackburn Blackhawks Trafford Metros v Slough Jets

ENGLISH LEAGUE. First division: Haringey Racers v Solihull Barons. Medway Bears v Chelmsford Chiefs. Solent Vikings v Sunderland Chiefs. Streatham Redskins v Oxford City Stars

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division Trafford v Hilton Leeds. Dynamo London v Wessex. Southgate v Britannia Music Woolwich Brixton v Ashcombe Dorking I Second division: Speedwell v Spark. Purbrook (Portsmouth) v Chelmsford Partners. Lakeland Ladies v Radio Trent Rockets. Reebok Liverpool City v Manchester United

OTHER SPORT

CYCLO-CROSS: City of Westminster Open London championship (Shirley Hills, Croydon)

RACKETS: Amateur singles championship (Queen's Club London)

REAL TENNIS: British open singles and doubles championships (Queen's Club, London)

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The quiz that puts scribes in the sporting spotlight

BY KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN VIEW

IF SPORTING scribes had a fiver for each time they were alleged not to have been at the same match as critical readers, they would need to scribble no longer for a living: they would be rich.

Now all those argumentative souls who have long wished to pit their knowledge against the writers are being given the opportunity. On Friday evening, they can see if they know more than the journalists, who are bravely putting their reputations on the line in *Quizbowl*.

Teams of three, representing both daily and Sunday newspaper sports departments are matched against each other in this latest sporting quiz on Channel 4 (8.30pm). The game is the brainchild of a former solicitor, former barrister and would-be writer called Will Buckley and his long-time friend, "Eggy" Owen. They were talking in a bar after the England v Belgium World Cup match and the discussion drifted from the football to *Question of Sport*. They wondered how, taking the BBC's standard-bearer as a starting point, they could devise something different.

Quizbowl was the result, based loosely upon American football and its scoring, with easy questions gaining a team tenure and tougher questions winning more territory on a giant flashing scoreboard until a touchdown is scored.

The first two Fridays (of 13) have already slipped by — the *Daily Express* beat the *Daily Mail* and the *Observer* last night beat *The Sunday Times*. Six first-round winners will be joined by the two highest-scoring losers in quarter-finals that become straight knockout competitions to the final.

Buckley, who also acts as question-master, has been surprised at the journalists' depth of knowledge and their competitiveness, but the fact that the writers are competitors should hardly be a surprise: it is in their nature and, after all, they are, or should be, competing against one another for stories and against deadlines all the time.

Buckley is reticent about the acrimony that has been talked about: "There wasn't much — just one or two stormy scenes," he said. Certainly, however, there was one instance of a non-playing team captain telling his opposite number rather bluntly where to go when commiserations for defeat were offered. Another captain took on the Brian Clough role, whipping his team into a frenzy and demanding "110 per cent from you lot!" There is no prize for spotting the match where one team warmed up with a sporting quiz book while the opposition did so in the hospitality room.

Next Friday, the *News of the World* take on *the Mail on Sunday*, when they will be pondering which Scottish boxer said he did not mind fighting at three in the morning "because everyone in Glasgow fights at three in the morning". I know the answer — do you?

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: A look at the stumbling champion, Evander Holyfield, and the storming contender, Lennox Lewis, after last weekend's Atlanta action in *Grandstand* (from 12.15pm). Also in this BBC1 programme are the opening frames of the final of the UK snooker championship from Preston and live coverage of the Regal Trophy rugby league match between Salford and Wigan. *Ringside* (Sky Sport, 9pm) features championship boxing from the United States.

TOMORROW: The north London derby with Tottenham meeting Arsenal at Highbury provides *The Match* on ITV (2.45pm). David Vine follows the snooker on BBC1 at 3pm, 8.05pm and 10.05pm. Sky Sport has live rugby league with Featherstone Rovers at home to St Helens (6pm).

MONDAY: Golfers in need of help should video *Play Golf* on BBC2 from 1.35-2pm today and each afternoon this week

TUESDAY: A Matchroom boxing special on Screensport, 9-11pm with the first screening of Timmy Driscoll's WBO featherweight title defeat in Italy. The *Footballers Football Show* (9pm) and *Survival of the Fittest* (8pm) are on Sky Sport.

WEDNESDAY: Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, has completed five years at Old Trafford and talks about trying to win the League championship in *Sportsnight* (BBC1, 10.20pm). *Thames Sports Special* (10.40) rounds up the night's Rumbelows Cup action.

THURSDAY: Today's delayed action from the Sun City golf tournament can be seen on Screensport immediately after the Johnnie Walker golf report (5pm). The Ford ski report returns to Sky Sport (10pm).

FRIDAY: The second day of the Sun City golf is on Screensport (5pm), while live on Sky Sport at 7pm is a German league football match. *Sport on Friday* (BBC2, 2pm) mixes today's news with a look at Manchester United and racing from Cheltenham.

ATHLETICS

Africans will lead world challenge

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOUR Tokyo world championship medal-winners in the middle and long distance events, all African of course, should give the second IAAF world cross challenge a more auspicious start tomorrow than the first event received a year ago. The grand prix cross country series sprang to life much as its track big brother had five years earlier, with high farce. Now, however, it is finding its feet.

Bolbec, in France, kicked-off the programme in 1990 amid arguments over whether its results should count towards grand prix scoring because there were insufficient athletes present under the newly drawn-up rules. Bolbec is first stop again, but, this time, the programme to follow has expanded and a greater number of countries will stage events.

Last year, there were 11 races in the series, with only one, in Japan, outside Europe. Now there are 14 races, including fixtures not only in Japan but Kenya and the United States, where the climax to the series will be held in conjunction with the world championships in Boston next March. The prize-money is the same at $94,000.

Hassiba Boulmerka, the 1,500 metres world champion, and Susan Sirma, who finished third in the 3,000 metres, have entered the women's race tomorrow, while Richard Chelimo, who was second in the world championship 10,000 metres, and Azzedine Brahmi, third in the steeplechase, have entered the men's.

As was often the case in the series last winter, there should be a strong British contingent, headed this time by Gary Staines, who has promised his services to Britain for the world championships, and Andrea Wallace.

RUGBY UNION

Bath's grievance may rebound on Nottingham

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

NOTTINGHAM have not had a wonderful start to their league season so when it comes to the Pilkington Cup, they *could probably have* done without any extra motivation going their opponents' way. After all, today's third-round cup task was difficult enough — a visit to Bath Recreation Ground is never *without its problems — but* now they must face a team most unhappy at the loss of a league point.

"We would have been steaming anyway." Andy Robinson, the Bath captain, said yesterday. "We lost at this stage of the cup last year. We annihilated Leicester in the league one weekend, *then* the next they came to us in the cup and really gave us a lesson. And we remember playing Nottingham in the league two years ago when they rested their internationals and still beat us.

"We won't be taking this one lightly, whatever Nottingham's results have been like. The loss of a league point is just an additional factor. It's so frustrating when you work hard to get the approach *right on the field then* mistakes like this happen off the field."

Bath have yet to decide whether they will appeal against *the decision of the* Senior Clubs Association (SCA) to deduct a league point for fielding Laurie Heatherley against London Irish earlier this month, when he was not properly registered. It was a technical point but if the SCA had felt in*clined to overlook it*, critics could so easily point the finger and accuse them of letting a big club off the hook.

Danny Bourne will know *he has been in a match*, at all events. Bourne, an England *colt when he was* with Lichfield last season, plays in Nottingham's back row instead of the injured Gary Rees on the day when Jeremy Guscott *returns to Bath's ranks for the* first time this season, refreshed from a break after the World Cup. In the continued absence of the recuperating *David Egerton and John* Hall, it is the strongest side Bath have fielded this season.

At the other end of the cup scale, however, there appears little *scope for the cup min*nows ambitious to appear in Tuesday's fourth-round draw. You would not, for example, get wonderful odds on *High Wycombe at Wasps or* Ruislip at Newcastle Gosforth, but neither senior club will take anything for granted.

Kevin Titcombe will take his High Wycombe team back to the ground where he spent eight seasons as a Wasp: "Realistically we only *have a slim chance of win*ning but we would not be doing ourselves justice if we didn't make the most of that chance," he said.

"The game with Wasps is a reward for victories over Redruth and Askeans and we will concentrate hard on our game, which has brought pleasing wins in the league against Weston and Basingstoke."

More eyes than those of *their own supporters will be* on Nick Beal, the stand-off half from RGS High Wycombe, whose maturity and kicking have both impressed. *He will play against Wasps'* third-choice stand-off, Rob Lozowski, providing cover for the absent Andrew and the injured Davies.

Ruislip contend that they are going north for "more than a half of Newcastle Brown", according to Mike Searls, their secretary. Three years ago, *Ruislip*, on a ground thick with mud, held Gosforth to 13-10 in the cup *but their players are looking* forward to the smart surroundings of Newcastle Gosforth's Kingston Park ground.

Steve Donnelly's move from centre to cover at stand-off for the injured Richard Barnes leaves room on the wing for Barnes's brother, Trevor. *Ruislip include Rick* Wadmore and Kevin Price, who played with Middlesex *during the county champion*ship last month and, whatever the result, the visitors will have a memorable weekend.

ALISTAIR GRANT

Arabian Sultan, left, leading Sweet Duke on his way to an impressive victory at Sandown yesterday

Dancing Brave departs in style

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

DANCING Brave, who leaves Britain tomorrow for stud duties in Japan, provided his new Far East owners with an unexpected bonus yesterday by becoming the sire of a National Hunt winner.

None So Brave is the first of Dancing Brave's offspring to have lined up over timber and Reg Akehurst's charge made a winning first appearance in *the Surrey Racing Three*-Year-Old Novices' Hurdle at Sandown.

The son of the 1986 Horse of the Year, bought from John Oxx for 8,000 guineas at the October Sales, could turn out to be above average *as he ended the unbeaten run* of The Blue Boy, which stretched back seven races.

In the most exciting finish of the afternoon, Jamie Osborne and None So Brave *matched Peter Scudamore* and The Blue Boy stride for stride over the final two furlongs before edging ahead by three-quarters of a length.

Akehurst said: "John Oxx told me he pulls out a bit stiff in the morning, but apart *from that he* is a really good horse. He has won well and he will now go for the Summit Hurdle at Lingfield next Saturday."

The victory *denied* Martin Pipe a short-priced double after Arabian Sultan had ear*lier won the Crowngap Win*ter Novices' Hurdle in typical style.

Scudamore confidently made all and had sufficient *reserves up his sleeve to pull* away from his struggling rivals after the final hurdle.

By contrast, Clever Shepherd's victory in the Crownco Novices' Chase owed more to *a misunderstanding than* precise planning. Philip Hobbs had not intended to run his improving six-year-old in the race if Keep Talking. *Tim Thomson Jones's* impressive novice, took part.

"I phoned Tim yesterday and we got our wires crossed. I got the message his was not running, so we left ours in. I would not have run otherwise."

Keep Talking, sent off odds-on, did run but was never jumping well and Clev*er Shepherd, the 10-1 outsid*er of four, would not be denied after leading after the final fence.

Blinkers had the desired effect on *Bigsun in the P & O* Handicap Chase. The 10-year-old jumped properly and had too much pace for Mr Frisk. "He'll go for the four mile chase at Cheltenham on New Year's Day and *then* have one run before the Grand National."

New York Rainbow ended the appalling run of bad luck *for owner Michael Buckley*, stretching back to the death of The Proclamation nearly two years ago, *by winning the Marten Julian "National Hunt Guide"* Novices' Hurdle.

Hawthorn Blaze, the apple of *David Elsworth's eye*, ran a cracking first race over timber to finish fourth.

Tim Etherington's excellent run continued when Good Tonic won the opening Crowngap Construction Handicap Chase to provide *the Dorking trainer with his* fifth winner from his last eight runners.

Amended rule on starters' orders

THE Vodkatinis and Pukka Majors of the jumping world will *no longer* cost punters their bets by *refusing* to start in races (*Richard* Evans writes).

A change in rules, announced by the Jockey Club yesterday, will *mean* backers will be refunded with their stakes when they have backed a *horse* which fails to run after coming under starters' orders.

The new safeguard for punters will come *into force* at the start of 1992 and is one of the most welcome changes for years. Initially, it will apply only to National *Hunt races* but, hopefully, will be extended to the Flat.

"The *objective* is *that* punters should have a run for their money and the stewards consider it to be unfair that punters should lose *their* stakes when their selection has taken no part in the race," the *Jockey* Club said yesterday.

"Incidents involving well-known horses such as Beech Road, Vodkatini and Pukka *Major* illustrate the point."

At the discretion of a starter, a horse *will be* declared "not to have started" and bets on the horse will be declared void under Tattersalls' rules. Deductions will be *made by bookmakers* for other horses in the race.

Call to limit authority membership

THE membership of any new racing authority set up to run the sport must not be too large, Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the Horserace Betting *Levy* Board, said yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

Speaking at the "Go Racing in Yorkshire" annual lunch in Ripon, he *stressed* that the Jockey Club had a great deal to contribute to the future of racing.

Racecourses should also play a major part *in* the sport's future administration and become "powerful partners of the Jockey Club if the appropriate partnership *could be formed.*" *He added:* "Whatever the *future* structure of the administration of racing, these two voices must be heard."

Tynedale's five survivors head south for a day out

By David Hands

LOOKING south is a comparatively rare experience *for Tynedale — certainly* as far south as London — but the third round of the Pilkington Cup will bring them to the capital today to *play London Scottish. Since* the Scots stand bracketed at the head of the national second division and Tynedale are in northern divi*sion one of the Courage* Clubs Championship, the outcome should be straightforward.

But the Exiles are the last *club to take their visitors* for granted, on three counts: Tynedale managed to dispose of a second-division club, Wakefield, in the *second round, albeit at* home; they have lost to no one this season; and four seasons ago, they beat Scottish 11-9 in the cup.

In addition, they are accustomed to honing their *skills* on Scotch *opponents*: they believe they are the only English club to play Watsonians and Heriot's, as well as the leading Bor*der clubs. Their victims this* season include Hawick, and Heriot's are the only side this season to spoil their record, with a 13-13 draw.

To their chagrin, howev*er, Tynedale will be without* Ian Donkin, the scrum half whose late try permitted the conversion that won the match against Wakefield earlier this month. Donkin ruptured a muscle just above his knee during the league *defeat of Bradford* and Bingley last weekend and the second-choice scrum half, Simon Clayton-Hibbott, has yet to return *from New Zealand, where* four of Tynedale's players spent the off-season.

This restores Gary Rutherford to the side but he, at *least, knows all about tense* cup ties: he is one of five survivors from the 1987-8 team which went to Coventry and lost 7-6 in the third *round. Three of the five are* in the pack, whose four-square strength will pose considerable problems for the Scottish, while *Tynedale also have a signif*icant presence at stand-off half in Jamie Paton.

Paton joined the club from Edinburgh Academicals, having played for Scottish Schools, and will find *himself opposed by* Richard Cramb, the former international who now leads London Scottish.

Cramb: opposes Paton

In support, Paton has the *burgeoning skills of John* Fletcher, an England under-21 squad centre, who has attracted the attention of first-division *clubs and who, like so many* of the Tynedale players, had made his way from the ranks of their own colts teams.

"We *enjoy* the *cup and* we hope to take as many as 200 supporters to London Scottish," John Shotton, the Tynedale spokesman, said. "But *as far as* we are concerned, it's the icing on *the cake*. We had hoped to be two leagues higher but we can't get out of our present division, it's such a cut-throat affair. Otley are *the classic example* of a side who, once they emerged from north one, immediately went up two divisions."

Should they succeed today, it will be in the absence of *David Thornton*, their coach, who is away on business in Japan. But Tynedale have not been short of help in his absence, includ*ing that of Peter Robinson*, once of Hawick, who is the sort of president every club would love: not only can he referee, he can coach too.

Encouraging response from lawyers on introduction of arbitration blueprint

In-house tribunal proposed for sport

By Louise Taylor

BOURNEMOUTH
CONFERENCE

LITIGATION is costly, time consuming and tends to heighten hostility. *Many* lawyers agree that a large number of sporting disputes, *involving no criminal action*, are best kept out of court.

The Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) hopes to achieve this by introducing a *British sports arbi*tration panel. A blueprint for its establishment was pub*lished at the conclusion of the* conference in Bournemouth yesterday, when the proposal met a positive response from leading lawyers.

*Intended to resolve dis*putes involving British sports bodies and their members, the panel would adjudicate in cases involving disciplinary rules and procedures, constitu*tional issues and matters of* eligibility and registration.

It would also arbitrate in *contractual wrangles* between third parties and British sports bodies, providing a conciliation and advisory service.

The panel would *thus* facilitate quicker, cheaper and more expert resolution of sports disputes than could be achieved through the courts. The CCPR stresses that before any dispute was taken to arbitration, the *internal* procedures of the sport concerned would have been *exhausted*.

Appointed by the CCPR's executive committee, the panel would comprise lawyers expert in sports matters and *non-lawyers experienced in* sports administration.

Any dispute taken to the panel would be decided by a tribunal of three: one member chosen by the interested parties and the third by the chairman of the CCPR.

Edward Grayson, a leading barrister and author of the book *Sport and the Law*, told the conference that the proposed panel was "an innovative and essential progression in the world of sport. Judges do not like sport in court and they are often not equipped to deal with it."

Robert Reid QC was another legal champion of *the panel, but recognising* that sport is "not an hermetically sealed world", he pointed out that there would be occasions when the courts *had to become involved. "The* panel shouldn't step out of its league and try personal injury cases for example," he said. "We have got to be sensible."

Merely *being* sensible will not be sufficient for the panel to prove both credible and *successful however*.

A spirit of cooperation and commitment is called for. As Charles Woodhouse, the CCPR's legal adviser, said: "It will not get off the ground unless members of the CCPR want it to."

The CCPR's determination *to sell* the concept of the arbitration panel to its membership — and beyond — is *such that panel members* would normally be expected to give their services free of charge for dispute of settlement. Exceptions would involve cases of contractual disagreement and specialist advisory work, where costs would be *subject to the prior* agreement of the parties and their financial circumstances.

By minimising bills, short-cutting formal legal procedures and promoting conciliation rather than conflict, the panel promises great things in terms of *damage* limitation.

The simple guide to making it in the majors

By David Miller

WHERE *is the Olga Korbut* of British archery, the Greg Louganis of volleyball, or the Cassius Clay of canoeing? Speakers for so-called minor *sports yesterday told the an*nual conference of the Cen*tral Council for Physical* Recreation (CCPR) that what turns minor into major is the concurrence of star performers and television exposure.

Well, we knew that. Or did we? And is it true? The bottom line in defining so-called major sports is that they are fundamentally simple in exe*cution, inexpensive to per*form and easy to understand — football, boxing, running. What has and will continue to restrict the audience of rugby, *union or league*, is that not even players and officials reg*ularly understand the rules*, never mind the spectators.

The growth sports under discussion at Bournemouth yesterday were hockey, gym*nastics and volleyball: the* most spectacular of these in development having been gymnastics, beginning with the elfin Soviet charmer's ap*pearance on television from* Munich at the Olympic Games in 1972. The British Amateur Gymnastics Association now claims, according to John Aitkinson, its tactical director, to have 33,500 affiliated schools, 7,500 coaches, and six million badge award holders.

That would suggest that out of every eight people you *see on the bus or train, one is* a gymnast, which I find hard to believe: but never mind the logistics or semantics. Gymnastics is *major*. There are 70 *exclusive indoor facilities* in Britain and, whereas a generation ago it was difficult to fill a potential international class in Britain for 25 competitors, last *year there* were 400 reaching the final of the most senior competition.

Hockey, of course, *has* produced its stars, Taylor, Kerly, Dodds and the rest, in the course of winning successive *bronze and gold medals* at the last two Olympics. In between came the World Cup of 1986, with 14 hours of exposure by BBC television. *By 2000*, the Hockey Association hopes there will be 1,000 artificial pitches, the facility that has *transformed* the sport's accessibility.

Volleyball is still trying to make it in Britain. In 25 years, the sport has grown from 400 clubs to 1,000, but for the moment the glamour *remains overseas*. The English Volleyball Associatin has to be content with the long-term project of hosting the 2001 world championships.

Pears stays at full back for first defence

HARLEQUINS, holders of the Pilkington Cup, make *their first defence* today, against Bedford at Goldington Road, with a XV *now* unchanged in three successive games: Pears remains at full back and Bray at stand-off half (David Hands writes).

Manu, **Rugby**'s Tongan-born No. 8, is eligible for competitive matches and plays against **Gloucester**, while another No. 8, Rich*ards, has recovered from* illness and plays for **Leicester** at **Fylde**, whose *scrum half*, Wright, is doubtful. **London Irish**, already without Geoghegan and Egan for the game at **Thurrock**, lost Hal*pin and* Clancy, *their* international props, through injury.

☐ Oxford and Cambridge universities play their last matches today before the an*nouncement on Monday* of their XVs for the annual game at Twickenham on December 10: Henderson returns to Oxford's wing against Bristol University but Lloyd Davies, the Cambridge centre, has a suspected broken wrist and will miss the game against Sheffield.

Cardiff are aiming to find their best form

By Gerald Davies

AFTER last weekend's terrific encounter between Neath and Llanelli, a match entirely *worthy of clubs leading the* Heineken League first division, it would be natural to follow their progress this week.

Instead, the spotlight falls, perversely, on the bottom of the division, where **Cardiff** are languishing without a point after three matches. It is not where you expect them, of all clubs, to be. Today, they *entertain, if that is the right* word, **Pontypridd**, their near-neighbours from further up the Taff Valley.

"We are not playing anywhere near our true potential," John Nelson, the *Cardiff secretary, said.* "There have been distractions, but we need to forget the problems we've had off the field in the last few weeks, and *simply* concentrate on playing rugby."

Cardiff will begin as the more nervous team as they attempt to halt their run of *defeat, but they have Arthur* Emyr back on the wing after damaging a rib cartilage in Wales' match against Australia.

Llanelli, who may have lost the flanker, Mark Perego, for the rest of the season with a broken bone in his back, travel to **Newport**, who have Paul Turner, their player-coach, *back in harness with the* scrum half, David Llewellyn.

Neath's visit to **Newbridge** sees the introduction of a new pair of youngsters at half back. *Robert Jones's younger* brother, Rhodri, is at scrum half, and Matthew McCarthy outside him. Both, at 20 years of age, are making their first league appearances.

☐ The Wales coach, Alan *Davies, and team manager*, Robert Norster, have set up a new line of communication with the club coaches in the Heineken League first division to improve their information on players. The Neath *team manager, Glen Ball*, will co-ordinate West Wales, the Maesteg coach, Leighton Davies, will be responsible for Mid and South Glamorgan *and the Pontypool coach*, John Perkins, will oversee Gwent.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

St Joseph's maintain their perfect record

By Michael Stevenson

ST JOSEPH'S, Ipswich, are *enjoying one of their best* seasons. They have won all *nine* games and only twice (against Sudbury Colts, 9-0, and RGS Colchester, 7-0) have they won by fewer than ten points. Their most recent victory was against Gresham's, 13-3, and they have scored 228 points to 34 conceded.

With one match to play, **Kelly College** *have an equally* impressive record of 13 wins from 13 matches and 473 points to 59 conceded. Guy Smart, at tight-head prop, has been an outstanding cap*tain and Jonas Hurst*, his stand-off half and vice-captain, has played consistently. Their most recent victory was at **Wellington School**, 22-3.

Durham seem invincible. They overwhelmed **St Peter's, York**, *60-0 for their thir*teenth win from as many matches and now have a testing derby against **RGS, Newcastle**, and a visit from **Millfield** *in their final match*.

King's Taunton, who are also having an excellent season, found **Blundell's** in inspired form and lost their unbeaten record, but regis*tered good wins against their* neighbours, **Queen's**, 54-0, and **Monmouth**, 16-13.

St Paul's are breaking even with four wins and four defeats. But the biggest score against them was 15-9 in the *Harrow match. They are* fielding a young side and ten will be available next season.

Wellington College maintained their improved form *with a hard-fought win* against **Cranleigh**, 7-6, and a more comfortable victory against **Tonbridge**, 29-3. Piers Michell *scored* 21 points, with three tries, three *conversions* and a penalty.

Ellesmere contributed nine players to the Shropshire under-19 county side that beat **Worcestershire** last weekend, 12-6, *and* Tim Downes, of Ellesmere, kicked *two penalties* and a conversion. Ellesmere now have ten wins from 12 matches.

RGS, Lancaster *recently* celebrated their first win at **Sedbergh** *for 20 years*. They have won the home fixture three times in this period.

TABLE TENNIS

Chen granted citizenship

CHEN Xinhua, the Rotherham-based former Chinese international who has been representing England *for the* past 18 months, has been granted British citizenship (Richard Eaton writes).

It comes three-and-a-half years after the former *World* Cup winner decided to leave Fukien and settle *in this* country. Ironically, it is given only *two days* after China said it is blocking Chen's ambition to play in the Olympics. Chen must have the permission of his former country.

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Carvill's Hill can make mark

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

FOLLOWING Chatam's fine start to the season by winning the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup for Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore, all eyes will now be on his new stable companion **Carvill's Hill** as he lines up for his first appearance for them in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow today.

Formerly trained in Ireland by Jim Dreaper, Carvill's Hill has been one of the most talked about horses for years, so much so that he has been referred to as the best jumping prospect trained in that country since Dawn Run.

However, the fact remains that, due to niggling injuries, he has had only 20 races over a five-year period.

In winning 13 of them, Carvill's Hill has certainly looked good on occasions. It now remains to be seen whether our most successful National Hunt trainer in recent times can work another miracle.

Following exhaustive tests at Bristol University's veterinary unit, Pipe's basic approach to the challenge has been to go back to square one and start all over again.

The report so far from Nicholashayne is that under constant supervision from that widely recognised physiotherapist Mary Bromiley, Carvill's Hill has pleased throughout his preparation and that, importantly, his jumping, which let him down on occasions in Ireland, seems to have improved following intensive schooling sessions.

Now comes the acid test. While Pipe has also chosen to saddle both Bonanza Boy and Aquilifer, Scudamore and Carvill's Hill will surely have more to fear from Celtic Shot, Katabatic and Cool Ground.

Celtic Shot looked a bit below par when he was beaten by Auntie Dot at Haydock last time but at least he is certain to get the trip unlike Katabatic, the winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase over two miles at Cheltenham in March.

But having won the Welsh Grand National last December, Cool Ground could well do with a bit further, even on his seasonal debut.

The Chepstow programme can begin with Pipe and Scudamore also winning the Arlington Premier Series qualifier with **Rolling Ball**, who turned in that fine performance at the National Hunt Festival to win the Sun Alliance Chase.

As for the Jack Brown Celtica Cup, I like none better than **General Highway**, who looked an improved stayer when beating Mister Hartigan so decisively at Uttoxeter on his reappearance.

At Sandown, the Mitsubishi Shogun Tingle Creek Trophy has lived up to that high standard set on the course in the Seventies by the horse himself now that Barnbrook Again, Waterloo Boy, Young Snugfit and Moment Of Truth have stood their ground.

It would be wrong to write off Barnbrook Again simply because he had an irregular heartbeat after being pulled up at Newbury a week ago.

He suffered from the same diagnosis after an equally disastrous seasonal debut two years ago, but that did not stop him from setting a new track record at Newbury next time out.

Nevertheless, I still prefer **Waterloo Boy**, who should be at his best again after that promising run behind Sabin Du Loir at Devon.

Trimlough, my choice to win the William Hill Handicap Hurdle, has not been penalised for a recent easy win whereas Propero and Shu Fly have.

Finally, **Light Veneer** appeals as a sporting nap to win the Oak Novices' Handicap Hurdle, having been backed down from 20-1 to 9-2 before beating Knight's Spur and Wednesday's Hereford winner Knighton Coombe at Warwick.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN
12.55 Knight Oil.
1.25 Welsh Bard.
1.55 LIGHT VENEER (nap).
2.30 Trimlough.
3.00 Waterloo Boy.
3.30 Light Dancer.

THUNDERER
12.55 Parsons Green.
1.25 Deadly Charm.
1.55 Run Up The Flag.
2.30 Liadett.
3.00 Barnbrook Again.
3.30 The Illywhacker.

RICHARD EVANS
2.30 Trimlough.
3.30 THE ILLYWHACKER (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 LEGAL BEAGLE.

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12.55 EWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,890: 3m 118yd) (6 runners)

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103 3P32-32 NODFORM 15 (D,F,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 7-11-9 D Murphy 94
104 11F41-1 PARSONS GREEN 17 (B,D,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 7-11-2 R Dunwoody ● 99
105 4044-P1 ON THE TWIST 4 (D,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 9-11-2 (4ex) A Maguire (3) 96
106 14F-445 SKINNHILL 9 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs T Binnington) T Thomson Jones 7-11-1 S Smith Eccles 96

BETTING: 15-8 Knight Oil, 9-4 Parsons Green, 4-1 Major Match, 11-2 Nodform, 10-1 Skinnhill, 20-1 On The Twist.

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(Grade II: £9,330: 2m 18yd) (7 runners)

201 11426-2 BOOK OF GOLD 15 (CD,BF,F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy 90
202 63348P FATHER PADDY 3 (H) (P Morgan) C Nash 9-11-0 — 76
203 36P-135 HICKELTON LAD 10 (D,F,G) (Miss B Palmer) M Usher 7-11-0 B Powell 88
204 0P0S-03 PEANUTS PET 14 (D,F,G,S) (L Perry) B McMahon 6-11-0 T Wall —
205 1P50-44 WELSH BARD 17 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 7-11-0 J Railton 80
206 240-211 DEADLY CHARM 21 (D,F,G) (J West) D Nicholson 5-10-13 R Dunwoody ● 99
207 46PF/ PORCHESTER RUN 1339 (L Bowman) L Bowman 9-10-9 Mr C Gordon —

BETTING: 13-8 Deadly Charm, 5-2 Book Of Gold, 9-2 Welsh Bard, 6-1 Peanuts Pet, 10-1 Hickelton Lad, 16-1 Father Paddy, 50-1 Porchester Run.

1990: ACRE HILL 6-11-0 R Dunwoody (6-5 fav) N Henderson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOOK OF GOLD 15l 2nd of 4 to Poetic Gem in a grade II novice chase at Ascot (2m, good). Previously, 12¾l 6th of 21 to Destriero in the grade I Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft). HICKLETON LAD beat Yamashita 5l in an 8-runner novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, firm) last month. PEANUTS PET 8½l 3rd of 12 to La Cienaga in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m, good). WELSH BARD 22l 4th of 8 to Keep Talking in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good). DEADLY CHARM beat Stay Awake 1l in a 4-runner novice chase at Cheltenham (2m, good). Previously, beat Montalino 12l in a 10-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m, good).
Selection: DEADLY CHARM

1.55 OAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

C4

(£5,959: 2m) (14 runners)

301 40/26-1 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 25 (D,G) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-11-10 B Powell 83
302 0402-12 DAUNOU 18 (D,BF,F) (Allan Lamb/Ginny Lang Racing Plc) S Christian 5-11-9 M McGonagle 85
303 503-1 LIGHT VENEER 14 (D,G) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 6-11-7 P Barnard (3) 94
304 2000-21 SHADOW RUN 12 (D,S) (G Downey) R Dickin 6-11-5 D Meredith (7) 85
305 21 ABLE PLAYER 19 (D,S) (W Pallister) C Thornton 4-11-5 R Dunwoody 98
306 232- MUSE 42F (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 4-11-4 A Procter (7) ● 99
307 /25/3-R2 CATHOS 11 (D Wilson) D Wilson 6-11-1 Elaine Bronson 85
308 U1 RUN UP THE FLAG 23 (D,F) (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 4-10-13 D Murphy 91
309 21 ALWAYS ALEX 7 (G) (Mrs J Nash) P Evans 4-10-10 T Wall 95
310 4P33-0 WAY OF LIFE 28 (T Hemmings) S Mellor 6-10-3 M Perrett 90
311 00-0064 NOTARY-NOWELL 11 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-10-0 A Maguire (3) 88
312 64-P0 ALDWICK COLONNADE 37 (B Fry) M Usher 4-10-0 M Bowlby 80
313 2U65-40 GREY GYPSY 25 (Mrs R Plummer) Mrs A Hamilton-Fairley 5-10-0 Dale McKeown 84
314 PP0-00 LUTHIOR 7 (T Painting) R Simpson 5-10-0 D Gallagher —

Long handicap: Aldwick Colonnade 9-13, Grey Gypsy 9-12, Luthior 9-9.

BETTING: 9-2 Light Veneer, 5-1 Run Up The Flag, 6-1 Able Player, Ardcroney Chief, 8-1 Muse, 10-1 Always Alex, Shadow Run, 14-1 Daunou, 16-1 Cathos, Way Of Life, 25-1 others.

1990: VICEROY JESTER 5-11-7 N Mann (11-1) R Holder 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARDCRONEY CHIEF beat Crooked Counsel 10l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Hereford (2m, good). DAUNOU beat Pop Abroad 2½l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. LIGHT VENEER beat Knight's Spur 1½l in a 22-runner novice handicap at Warwick (2m, good) hurdle. SHADOW RUN beat Galaxy High 7l in an 11-runner novice handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m, good to soft).
ABLE PLAYER beat Infeb 20l in a 17-runner claiming novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).

MUSE 3l 2nd of 10 to Pashto in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft). More recently was 7½l 6th of 22 to Go South in the Cesarewitch at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm) last month. CATHOS 1½l 2nd of 9 to Falcon Flight in a ladies' novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good). RUN UP THE FLAG beat The Sister 4l in a 17-runner novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). ALWAYS ALEX beat Negatory 2½l in a 19-runner novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good).
Selection: RUN UP THE FLAG

2.30 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE

C4

(Grade III: £20,750: 2m) (20 runners)

401 4/43206- RIVERHEAD 243 (CD,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 7-11-10 P Holley 89
402 21U511- WINNIE THE WITCH 208 (D,F,G,S) (Paddocks Racing) K Bridgwater 7-11-5 D Bridgwater (3) 87
403 1133/01 PROPERO 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Wills) J Gifford 6-11-5 (4ex) D Murphy 89
404 24322/P RAKES LANE 15 (D,G) (R Williams) J Jenkins 6-11-2 M Ahern —
405 1144/0 SPANISH SERVANT 14 (D,S) (D Phillips) R Akehurst 6-11-0 J Osborne —
406 33405-6 LIADETT 21 (CD,F,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 6-10-12 M Richards 92
407 6/34155- IMPERIAL BRUSH 238 (B,D,G,S) (P Fulton) D Elsworth 7-10-12 A McCabe (7) 89
408 52152-5 STAR SEASON 17 (CD,G,S) (M Wheeler) R Holder 7-10-10 A Tory 91
409 145-211 SHU FLY 21 (D,F,G) (Severn First Partnership) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-6 (4ex) S Smith Eccles 93
410 12216-6 MUDAHIM 28 (D,F,S) (K Bell) C Broad 5-10-6 D Tegg 90
411 11223- NATIVE MISSION 240 (D,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-4 A Maguire (3) 85
412 334145/ WAHIBA 686 (CD,G) (J Brown) R Holder 7-10-4 N Mann —
413 000-303 COE 14 (B,CD,F,G) (M Blackburn) R Akehurst 5-10-4 L Harvey 91
414 34056-1 TRIMLOUGH 17 (D,F,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 6-10-4 J J Quinn 97
415 04350-2 BADRAKHANI 14 (D,G,S) (W Fagan) N Henderson 5-10-4 R Dunwoody ● 99
416 215P-2 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 21 (D,BF,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-0 D Gallagher 90
417 F161- MIAMI IN SPRING 302 (D,G,S) (Financial Trace) Miss B Sanders 8-10-0 Lorna Vincent 81
418 113121- BALASANI 70F (D,F,G) (M Smith) M Pipe 5-10-0 M Perrett 85
419 400-624 ELEGANT STRANGER 15 (D,F,G,S) (B Betts) M Tompkins 6-10-0 P Smith Eccles (7) 86
420 415-22 CHEERFUL TIMES 10 (D,BF,G) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 8-10-0 T Wall 84

Long handicap: Egypt Mill Prince 9-13, Miami In Spring 9-10, Balasani 9-10, Elegant Stranger 9-8, Cheerful Times 8-0.

BETTING: 8-1 Balasani, Egypt Mill Prince, 9-1 Shu Fly, Trimlough, 10-1 Liadett, 14-1 Badrakhani, Native Mission, Propero, 16-1 Winnie The Witch, Mudahim, 18-1 Coe, 20-1 Riverhead, 25-1 Star Season, 33-1 others

1990: WONDER MAN 5-10-12 M Pitman (11-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIVERHEAD 7l 2nd of 5 to Sondrio at Haydock (2m, soft), with TRIMLOUGH (20lb better off) a distance 4th. WINNIE THE WITCH beat Bounden Duty 1½l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to firm), with COE (8lb better off) tailed-off 10th. PROPERO beat Montpelier Lad 7l in a 3-runner hurdle at Leicester (2m, good to soft). IMPERIAL BRUSH 17½l 5th of 12 to Ivors Guest in a handicap hurdle at Liverpool (2m, good to soft), with BADRAKHANI (2lb worse off) a poor 10th. SHU FLY beat EGYPT MILL PRINCE (4lb better off) 8l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good), with LIADETT (4lb better off) a further 2l 5th. NATIVE MISSION 7½l 3rd of 14 to Montpelier Lad in a grade II hurdle at Liverpool (2m, good). TRIMLOUGH beat Burn Bridge 7l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to firm). BADRAKHANI 5l 2nd of 12 to La Cienaga in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m, good), with SPANISH SERVANT (same terms) 24l 9th. BALASANI beat First Crack 3l in a 4-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). Previously, 4½l 3rd of 14 to Talos in the Newbury Autumn Cup (1m 5f 61yd, good to firm) in September.
Selection: SHU FLY

3.00 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TINGLE CREEK TROPHY LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (Grade II: £15,550: 2m 18yd) (6 runners)

C4

501 2111/5-P BARNBROOK AGAIN 7 (D,F,G,S) (M Davies) D Elsworth 10-12-0 H Davies —
502 31232-2 WATERLOO BOY 25 (D,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 8-11-13 R Dunwoody 95
503 22404-6 YOUNG SNUGFIT 25 (B,CD,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 7-11-8 J Osborne ● 98
504 1-11121 MOMENT OF TRUTH 22 (D,F,G,S) (J Glass) P Monteith 7-10-7 L O'Hara 89
505 11/5P2-4 CASHEW KING 21 (D,F,G,S) (P Moss) B McMahon 8-10-7 T Wall 83
506 632133 CAMPSEA-ASH 14 (CD,F,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-10-7 A Maguire (3) 85

Long handicap: Moment Of Truth 9-13, Cashew King 9-8, Campsea-Ash 9-3.

BETTING: 6-4 Waterloo Boy, 5-2 Young Snugfit, 4-1 Moment Of Truth, 8-1 Barnbrook Again, 10-1 Cashew King, 33-1 Campsea-Ash.

1990: YOUNG SNUGFIT 5-10-7 J Osborne (7-2) O Sherwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WATERLOO BOY 8l 2nd of 6 to Sabin Du Loir in a grade II chase at Devon (2m 1f, good), with YOUNG SNUGFIT (5lb better off) 12½l 5th. Previously, 12½l 3rd of 7 to Blazing Walker in the grade I Glenlivet Melling Chase at Liverpool (2m 4f, soft), with BARNBROOK AGAIN (1lb worse off) 42l 5th. MOMENT OF TRUTH beat King Of The Lot 8l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good). Previously, 4l 2nd of 4 to Hogmanay in a 7-runner handicap chase Ascot (2m, good to firm), with CAMPSEA-ASH (4lb worse off) 2½l 3rd. CASHEW KING 17l 4th of 15 to Another Coral in the grade III Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good)
Selection: WATERLOO BOY (nap)

3.30 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,211: 2m 5f 75yd) (9 runners)

601 5/1343-4 THE ILLYWHACKER 14 (B,G,S) (J Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 M Pitman 89
602 10110-1 THE WIDGET MAN 22 (G,S) (A Ilsley) J Gifford 5-11-7 D Murphy 89
603 121214- GO SOUTH 22F (B,F) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 7-10-13 M Ahern 88
604 610/126 TAKE ISSUE 17 (G,S) (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 6-10-9 R Dunwoody 82
605 1F-005U LIGHT DANCER 15 (F,G,S) (R Owen) L Codd 5-10-9 A Maguire (3) 88
606 11642- LEGAL BEAGLE 214 (G,S) (R Miller) G Harwood 4-10-6 M Perrett ● 99
607 P50/3P-0 INDIAN BABA 7 (C,G) (E Benfield) G Enright 6-10-0 E Murphy 95
608 500/1P/ TRUST THE IRISH 661 (G,S) (M Telford Turner) S Woodman 10-10-0 J Osborne —
609 P411/5 FOODBROKER FLYER 28 (F,G) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 7-10-0 L Harvey —

Long handicap: Trust The Irish 9-13, Foodbroker Flyer 9-9.

BETTING: 2-1 The Illywhacker, 7-2 Light Dancer, 9-2 The Widget Man, 8-1 Go South, Take Issue, 12-1 others.

1990: CATCH THE CROSS 4-10-4 M Foster (5-2 fav) M Pipe 16 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Holder	5	11	45.5	N Mann	4	10	40.0
M Pipe	15	49	30.6	M Bowlby	5	15	33.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	3	11	27.3	M Pitman	5	20	25.0
C Brooks	13	49	26.5	J Osborne	12	52	23.1
Mrs J Pitman	10	51	19.6	M Richards	4	18	22.2
D Nicholson	11	64	17.2	R Dunwoody	17	89	19.1

CHEPSTOW

MANDARIN
1.05 Rolling Ball.
1.35 General Highway.
2.10 Carvill's Hill.
2.40 Capability Brown.
3.10 Timid.
3.40 Mr Gossip.

THUNDERER
1.05 Rolling Ball.
1.35 GENERAL HIGHWAY (nap).
2.10 Celtic Shot.
2.40 Welshman.
3.10 Timid.
3.40 Cnoc An Oir.

RICHARD EVANS
3.40 Cache Fleur.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.05 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE

BBC1

(Qualifier: £3,785: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 4/1011- ROLLING BALL 262 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 8-11-10 P Scudamore ● 99
2 522112- MIGHTY FALCON 231 (B,C,F,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 6-11-7 G Bradley 74
3 0P00-0 BLAKEINGTON 28 (Mrs J Bugg) N Mitchell 5-10-12 G Upton —
4 00- CANAVER 224 (R Hall) J Webber 5-10-12 M Lynch —
5 P-0 R N COMMANDER 12 (J Cornwall) C Smith 5-10-12 Mr M Ranger —

BETTING: 1-3 Rolling Ball, 7-2 Mighty Falcon, 25-1 Blakeington, 33-1 Canaver, R N Commander.

1990: ALL JEFF 6-11-7 B de Haan (11-8) C Brooks 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROLLING BALL beat Esha Ness 2½l in the 20-runner grade I Sun Alliance Novices' Chase at Cheltenham (3m, good to soft). MIGHTY FALCON head 2nd of 11 to Kings Fountain in a novice handicap chase at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). BLAKEINGTON tailed-off 12th of 16 to Warner For Winners in a novice hurdle, here (2m, soft). CANAVER 27l 9th of 16 to Bootscraper in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good to firm). R N COMMANDER tailed-off 11th of 15 to Newlands General in a novice hurdle Leicester (2m, good to soft).
Selection: ROLLING BALL

1.35 JACK BROWN CELTICA CUP

BBC1

(Handicap chase: £4,737: 3m 3f) (11 runners)

1 41151P- THE LEGGETT 227 (C,F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 8-11-10 P Scudamore 93
2 325UP-5 MWEENISH 24 (G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 9-11-7 M Lynch 92
3 P212B-1 GENERAL HIGHWAY 23 (G,S) (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 8-11-0 W Humphreys 91
4 2/01P4-2 YIRAGAN 17 (G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 9-10-10 N Hawke 89
5 P32P-F3 MISTER CHRISTIAN 19 (B,G,S) (R Stevens) P Nicholls 10-10-7 J Frost 92
6 31F1-F3 BEAU CHARM 11 (G,S) (Ultimate Racing Ltd) J Gifford 7-10-6 Peter Hobbs 90
7 0P0-330 PAMPERING 12 (G,S) (Sir James Harvie-Watt Bt) C Meade 10-10-0 C Maude 91
8 510400- JUST SO 206 (C,S) (H Cole) P Nicholls 8-10-0 S Burrough ● 98
9 0P40-P4 LEAGAUNE 7 (S) (C Wright) T Casey 9-10-0 G Bradley 91
10 5003-13 SUNBEAM TALBOT 17 (G,S) (Mrs R Legoulx) A Jones 10-10-0 S McNeill 89
11 1302P/4 GADBROOK 12 (F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 9-10-0 B Dowling 73

Long handicap: Pampering 9-13, Just So 9-12, Leagaune 9-8, Sunbeam Talbot 9-5, Gadbrook 9-2.

BETTING: 9-4 General Highway, 4-1 Beau Charm, 6-1 The Leggett, 7-1 Yiragan, 10-1 Mister Christian, 12-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 16-1 Mweenish, Pampering, 20-1 Leagaune, 25-1 Gadbrook, Just So

1990: CARRICK HILL LAD 7-12-0 N Doughty (8-13 fav) G Richards 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE LEGGETT beat Sold Monk 2½l in a 7-runner handicap chase, here (3m, good to soft), on penultimate start. GENERAL HIGHWAY beat Mister Hartigan 12l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good), with PAMPERING (9lb better off) 25l 3rd. YIRAGAN 12l 2nd of 6 to Parsons Green in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m, good).
BEAU CHARM's best recent effort was when beating into The Red 15l in a 13-runner novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft). LEAGAUNE 20l 4th of 8 to Bit Of A Clown in a handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good).
SUNBEAM TALBOT 6½l 3rd of 18 to Pamber Priory in a handicap chase at Worcester (3m, good to soft), where BEAU CHARM fell at the first. GADBROOK 18½l 4th of 8 to Kameo Style in a handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: BEAU CHARM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	39	127	30.7	P Scudamore	36	98	36.7
C Brooks	5	23	21.7	I Shoemark	3	11	27.3
J Gifford	12	63	19.0	N Hawke	6	25	24.0
R Holder	8	46	17.4	R Guest	6	40	15.0
N Henderson	4	26	15.4	S McNeill	5	42	11.9
R Lee	6	41	14.6	Peter Hobbs	5	45	11.1

2.10 REHEARSAL CHASE

BBC1

(Limited handicap: grade II: £16,730: 3m) (6 runners)

1 4104-12 CELTIC SHOT 10 (D,BF,G,S) (D H Horton) C Brooks 9-12-0 G Bradley 93
2 23112-1 KATABATIC 28 (C,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 8-12-0 S McNeill 95
3 2112/1F- CARVILL'S HILL 317 (D,G,S) (P Green) M Pipe 9-11-12 P Scudamore 93
4 P215P-5 BONANZA BOY 10 (CD,F,G,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 10-11-8 — 98
5 311143- COOL GROUND 248 (C,D,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 9-11-8 J Frost 92
6 /21311- AQUILIFER 240 (D,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 11-10-12 M Foster (5) ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Carvill's Hill, 11-4 Katabatic, 9-2 Celtic Shot, 6-1 Aquilifer, 8-1 Cool Ground, 12-1 Bonanza Boy.

1990: BORACEVA 7-10-7 J Frost (9-2) G Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELTIC SHOT ¾l 2nd of 5 to Auntie Dot in a handicap chase at Haydock (3m, good), with BONANZA BOY 23¾l 5th. Previously, beat Docklands Express 2½l in the 5-runner grade II Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good). KATABATIC beat Norton's Coin 15l in handicap chase, here (2m, good to soft). CARVILL'S HILL beat Larchmont 12l in a 6-runner listed chase at Punchestown (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. BONANZA BOY 3l 2nd of 15 to Twin Oaks in handicap chase at Haydock (3m 4f, soft), with AQUILIFER (same terms) 4l 3rd. COOL GROUND 17½l 4th of 14 to Garrison Savannah in the grade I Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, good) on penultimate start, with CELTIC SHOT 4½l 7th. AQUILIFER beat Norton's Coin 1½l in the grade II Martell Chase at Liverpool (3m 1f, good), with CELTIC SHOT 33l 4th
Selection: BONANZA BOY

2.40 TRICKY DICKIE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,267: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 100-116 TOMAHAWK 14 (C,F,S) (Charles Saunders & Partners) R Holder 4-11-10 J Frost 86
2 41P-30 NATIVE TRIBE 14 (BF,S) (Mrs J Beeby) G Balding 4-11-8 R Guest 90
3 33514-2 ANNICOMBE RUN 16 (D,BF,G,S) (T Curry) R Lee 7-11-3 W McFarland 66
4 1F102-1 WELSHMAN 17 (CD,G,S) (Brian Oxton) M Blanshard 5-11-3 G Bradley 95
5 63P/404 TOM'S LITTLE BET 8 (B,G) (T Staddon) W Williams 7-10-12 I Shoemark —
6 15503/5 MAN FOR ALL SEASON 15 (C,S) (P Slade) J Baker 5-10-10 N Coleman —
7 /4351/0- KINGS FOLLY 381 (D,F,S) (Keymen In Partnership) William Price 9-10-9 Peter Hobbs —
8 0010/6-P YOZZER HUGHES 17 (F) (R Hughes) P Leach 6-10-7 — —
9 14F122- CAPABILITY BROWN 304 (F,S) (D Lewis) M Pipe 4-10-5 P Scudamore ● 99
10 111/0P0 OKAZ 12 (D,F,G) (M Power) J Moore 6-10-1 R Stronge —
11 4/0BPF- MR OPTIMIST 248 (S) (Miss T White) Miss T White 10-10-0 I Lawrence —
12 10/3/0- GRENAGH 381 (S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 10-10-0 M Lynch —
13 10450P- HILL-STREET-BLUES 243 (CD,F,G,S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 13-10-0 B Clifford (7) 85
14 P2130/P ASTICOT 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 9-10-0 P McDermott —

Long handicap: Mr Optimist 9-13, Grenagh 9-10, Hill-Street-Blues 9-6, Asticot 8-11

BETTING: 3-1 Tomahawk, 4-1 Welshman, 11-2 Annicombe Run, 6-1 Man For All Season, 8-1 Native Tribe, Tom's Little Bet, 10-1 Kings Folly, 12-1 others.

1990: DANNY CONNORS 6-12-0 D Byrne (2-1) J J O'Neill 4 ran

3.10 GOOD LUCK SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,576: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 211F14 TIMID 16 (BF,F,G) (Pipe Scudamore Racing II Plc) M Pipe 11-9 P Scudamore 95
2 0-44100 CHICAGO'S BEST 26 (B,G) (S Jolly) P Burgoyne 11-5 G Bradley 84
3 1F-P5R2 BOADICEA'S CHARIOT 9 (F) (D Filer) R Manning 11-0 Mr R Farrant (7) 90
4 4UPP-0P CLWYD LODGE 2 (P Clarke) R Juckes 11-0 — 88
5 0040F0- DRAGONS NEST 182 (C Batt) T Casey 11-0 J McCarthy (7) 82
6 2-PP0SP KILTONGA 11 (P Leach) P Leach 11-0 — —
7 0234-2 RAGTIME 23 (The Equus Club) D Burchell 11-0 D J Burchell ● 99
8 0PP-3P ROYAL RUPERT 5 (R Taberner) R Juckes 11-0 R Bellamy (3) 91
9 64F5-66 MARINERS MOL 35 (J Colston) J Colston 10-9 V Slattery (5) 88
10 P585- SPROUTING VENTURE 137F (Miss D Mynett) R Curtis 10-9 D Morris 94

BETTING: 6-4 Timid, 9-4 Ragtime, 8-1 Boadicea's Chariot, 10-1 Chicago's Best, 12-1 14-1 others.

1990: FLYING JUNCTION 4-11-0 J White (7-4 fav) J King 7 ran

3.40 FLURRY KNOX AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,075: 3m) (11 runners)

1 52101-1 CACHE FLEUR 10 (F,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-11-13 F Monnier (3) 85
2 /0/0441- MONETARY FUND 243F (S) (Mrs P Joynes) Mrs P Joynes 7-11-9 S Joynes (7) 86
3 SU332-2 MR GOSSIP 21 (CD,G,S) (Lady Bevan) N Henderson 9-11-1 J Young (7) 92
4 61335-F CELTIC SPORT 17 (CD,S) (E Evaleigh) P Hobbs 6-11-0 M Hourigan (7) 84
5 6PP63-U SONNY HILL LAD 11 (D,F,G,S) (P Dening) R Holder 8-10-3 K Whiting (7) ● 99
6 41054-6 TARKOVSKY 11 (C,D,S) (J Watkins) R Lee 6-10-0 M Armytage 98
7 10303-0 CNOC AN OIR 21 (CD,G) (M Jones) C Broad 7-10-0 R Davis (7) 87
8 0-310 PADIORD 9 (G) (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 4-10-0 B Leavy (7) —
9 452P3-6 MEZIARA 59 (V,S) (G Willey) D R Tucker 10-10-0 Miss S Rowe (7) 77
10 001/050- BELPENEL 203 (G) (Mrs B Key) C Smith 5-10-0 A Phillips (7) 62
11 U23-000 EL CAPISTRANO 11 (F) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 10-10-0 J L Llewellyn (7) 62

Long handicap: Cnoc An Oir 9-10, Padiord 9-2, Meziara 9-1, Belpenel 7-10, El Capistrano 7-7

BETTING: 5-2 Cache Fleur, 9-2 Tarkovsky, 5-1 Mr Gossip, 6-1 Cnoc An Oir, 8-1 Monetary Fund, 10-1 others.

1990: CNOC AN OIR 6-10-6 P Fenton (100-30 fav) C Broad 16 ran

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN
12.40 Terrywarner Sports. 1.10 Kentish Piper. 1.40 Evading. 2.15 Jimster. 2.45 Dagger Point. 3.15 Emerald Sunset.

THUNDERER
12.40 Terrywarner Sports. 1.10 Kentish Piper. 1.40 Charlie's Darling. 2.15 Firm Price. 2.45 Dagger Point. 3.15 Knights.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD PATCHES) SIS

12.40 BRADDEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,744: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 44-2 RIDWAN 11 K Morgan 4-11-10 A S Smith
2 2321 WEDDING FEAST 12 (B,D,G) J McConnochie 6-11-7 J Pullin (5)
3 0425 CASTLE KING 19 (BF) W A Stephenson 4-11-6 J Supple (5)
4 0-35 SPRING TO IT 22 M Pipe 5-11-4 T Dascombe (7)
5 -523 FAR TOO LOUD 25 N Gaselee 4-11-1 E O'Donovan (5)
6 0-24 MAX CLOWN 25 F Jackson 8-11-0 N Leach (5)
7 40-6 COOL DUDE 16 O Brennan 5-10-13 S Ryan (5)
8 P2P0 MAGSOOD 9 S Mellor 6-10-8 J Ryan
9 34/0 POWER BOAT 11 M Avison 5-10-7 L Mullaney (3)
10 0-P5 TUFFNUT GEORGE 12 J Pickering 4-10-5 D Dennis (5)
11 3215 JUST A WONDER 37 (F) S Christian 7-10-0 D Leahy (3)
12 P0P- TERRYWARNER SPORTS 219 M Pipe 6-10-0 D Richmond (3)

4-1 Far Too Loud, 9-2 Ridwan, 5-1 Terrywarner Sports, 11-2 Castle King, 6-1 Wedding Feast, 8-1 Spring To It, 10-1 others

1.10 KINGSTON NOVICES CHASE

(£2,421: 2m 6f) (6)

1 23P1 TAKEMETHERE 17 (D,F,S) M Pipe 7-11-8 P Niven
2 -221 KENTISH PIPER 21 (F,G) N Gaselee 6-11-4 C Llewellyn
3 /F-P MAHAFEL 17 R Mathew 7-11-0 A Webb
4 0-P0 RARELY AT ODDS 14 M Charles 7-11-0 Judy Davies (7)
5 55-F SUNSHINE FLIGHT 16 Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-0 B de Haan
6 0-00 HOPEFUL ALDA 16 (S) Mrs A King 6-10-9 R Supple

6-4 Takemethere, 7-4 Kentish Piper, 3-1 Sunshine Flight, 14-1 Hopeful Alda, 25-1 Rarely At Odds, 50-1 Mahafel.

1.40 TON UP SELLING HURDLE

(£1,683: 2m) (12)

1 0 A LITTLE HOT 72 (B) E Wheeler 4-11-2 J Ryan (3)
2 00-0 BRIGARA 23 Miss C Caroe 4-11-2 A Stanford
3 POPPY CHARM 19F R Curtis 4-11-2 D Morris
4 P BOLGHERI 11 N Tinkler 3-10-7 M Hill
5 4413 LA PEREET 12 (F) K Morgan 3-10-7 A S Smith
6 20 PAY TO DREAM 11 R Weaver 3-10-7 R Supple
7 0 PREMIER VENUES 22 (BF) Mrs G Reveley 3-10-7 P Niven
8 24 SIBERIAN BREEZE 22 J Glover 3-10-7 S D Williams (7)
9 0 BLAZING PEARL 11F J Harris 3-10-2 F Murtagh (7)
10 60 CHARLIE'S DARLING 8 J Czerpak 3-10-2 G Rowe (7)
11 F520 EVADING 11 (B) Miss S Wilton 3-10-2 Mr T Eley (7)
12 026 KILOANIN GIRL 12 A Dawson 3-10-2 J Kavanagh (3)

4-1 Evading, 9-2 La Pereet, 5-1 Premier Venues, 6-1 Siberian Breeze, 8-1 Pay To Dream, Charlie's Darling, 10-1 others

2.15 BINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,923: 3m) (11)

1 P4-2 FIRM PRICE 11 (D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 10-12-0 P Niven
2 2-44 RIVER HOUSE 29 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 9-11-8 K Johnson
3 54-3 DECENT MAN 19 (D,S) P Beaumont 8-11-1 Mrs A Farrell
4 43U3 HEIGHT OF FUN 11 (D,F,S) C Popham 7-11-1 C Llewellyn
5 1241 JIMSTER 9 (CD,F,S) C Nash 9-10-8 Mrs P Nash (7)
6 34P4 ANOTHER CORNER 7 (V,F,G,S) T Donnelly 8-10-3 S Donohoe (5)
7 FPP4 IMPERTAIN 5 (F) T Cunningham 11-10-1 S Cunningham
8 -65P FOCUS ON FOSTER 17 (B,F) J Webber 9-10-0 A Webb
9 4/6- WEIGHT PROBLEM 395 (V,F,S) P Bevan 14-10-0 J Lodder
10 /PF- ANOTHER BOXER 372 (F) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 11-10-0 S J O'Neill
11 P-PF BATTLE S TOWN BOY 11 Mrs V Ward 9-10-0 M Bosley

5-2 Firm Price, 3-1 Decent Man, 4-1 Jimster, 6-1 River House, 8-1 Impertain, 10-1 Height Of Fun, 12-1 Another Corner, 14-1 others

2.45 CANDLE MEADOW NOVICES HURDLE (£2,195: 2m) (12)

1 PP CASTLE REUBEN 11 R Dickin 11-0 Martin Jones
2 DAGGER POINT 58F N Tinkler 11-0 M Hill
3 DISTANT HOME 42F C Jones 11-0 —
4 0 KAHALA BAY 25 K Bridgwater 11-0 A Webb
5 LUKE'S BRAVE BOY 23F A Hide 11-0 P Hide (7)
6 56 RARFY'S DREAM 12 J Czerpak 11-0 G Rowe (7)
7 SWAN WALK 112F Mrs K Macauley 11-0 S Wynne (7)
8 TSAR ALEXIS 38F C Popham 11-0 C Llewellyn
9 WAR BEAT 11F P Bevan 11-0 J Lodder
10 WESTCROFT 137F R Whitaker 11-0 R Beggan
11 FORBEARANCE 112F Mrs G Reveley 10-9 P Niven
12 GREEN'S CASSATT 122F Mrs J Evans 10-9 G Lyons

9-4 Dagger Point, 7-2 Forbearance, 5-1 Luke's Brave Boy, 6-1 War Beat, 8-1 Green's Cassatt, 10-1 Rarfy's Dream, 12-1 others

3.15 RIVER TRENT HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,231: 2m 6f) (17)

1 22-5 THREEOUTOFFOUR 7 (CD,G,S) O Brennan 6-12-0 Helen Brennan (7)
2 1433 MUBAARIS 25 (D,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-11-5 S Woods
3 -213 PREMIER PRINCESS 16 (CD,F,G) G Ham 5-11-3 M A Fitzgerald (7)
4 -541 ITALIAN TOUR 50 (F,G) Mrs G Plowright 11-11-0 F Murtagh (7)
5 -02P GROOMSMAN 16 Mrs I McKie 5-10-12 J Duggan
6 2310 HARD TO HOLD 11 (F,G,S) C Beever 8-10-11 Mr A Hambly
7 2/11 MONARU 25 (C,D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-10 P Niven
8 00-P DROWSY 11 (B,D,S) O Sherwood 9-10-9 A S Smith
9 15-2 KNIGHTS 15 (G) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-6 A Jones
10 P-11 EMERALD SUNSET 17 (G) A Dawson 6-10-5 J Kavanagh (3)
11 060- LUCY LASTIC 226 (F,S) W Clay 7-10-4 J Driscoll (7)
12 -P2P HUGLI 36 (B,BF,F) S Sherwood 4-10-2 B de Haan
13 2/2F HIGH FINANCE 28 R Weaver 8-10-1 R Supple
14 623P HA'PENNY NAP 25 (D,F,G,S) C Beever 13-10-0 R Hodge (7)
15 0/06 POWYS PRINCE 14 (G) J Glover 8-10-0 S D Williams (7)
16 -002 CORLY SPECIAL 11 (F) L Codd 4-10-0 D Bentley (7)
17 5566 MIRAGE DANCER 25 (F) Miss C Caroe 8-10-0 A Stanford

7-2 Monaru, 4-1 Knights, 5-1 Emerald Sunset, 8-1 Premier Princess, 10-1 Hard To Hold, 12-1 Hugli, Drowsy, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs I McKie, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe, 13 from 42, 31.0%; Mrs G Reveley, 4 from 18, 22.2%; N Tinkler, 8 from 37, 21.6%; O Brennan, 5 from 34, 14.7%; R Dickin, 5 from 39, 12.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 5 winners from 30 rides, 16.7%; Martin Jones, 4 from 26, 15.4%; R Beggan, 6 from 43, 14.0%; C Llewellyn, 3 from 24, 12.5%; S J O'Neill, 5 from 48, 10.4% (Only qualifiers).

WETHERBY

MANDARIN
12.45 Rubika. 1.15 Ida's Delight. 1.45 Jungle Knife. 2.20 Shoon Wind. 2.50 Andorra. 3.20 Canny Chronicle.

THUNDERER
12.45 Mr Monday. 1.15 Ida's Delight. 1.45 Dawson City. 2.20 Stay On Tracks. 2.50 Elder Prince. 3.20 Canny Chronicle.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.45 WALSHFORD NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,744: 3m) (13 runners)

1 P421 BARON SAFEGUARD 7 (B,G) W Kemp 5-10-13 K Jones
2 6-10 MR MONDAY 28 (BF,F) W A Stephenson 5-10-13 C Grant
3 30-1 SANDY'S BEACON 9 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-13 M Dwyer
4 554 JOCK'S BURN 10 G Richards 5-10-9 N Doughty
5 2 NEGATORY 7 M Chapman 4-10-9 —
6 ROTHKO 770F Mrs S Smith 10-10-9 J Callaghan
7 340- RUBIKA 224 (D,G,S) S Mellor 8-10-9 S Earle
8 0-33 THE YANK 19 (F) M Hammond 5-10-9 G McCourt
9 0/P- THORNFIELD GROVE 206 O Brennan 7-10-9 P Harley
10 0/ WEE GHOSTIE 619 Roy Robinson 6-10-9 C Dennis (3)
11 -055 ZAM BEE 7 W Reed 5-10-9 T Reed
12 /5-5 CHANTILLY DAWN 17 J Haynes 7-10-4 D J Moffatt (7)
13 2320 MOUNT AILEY 19 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-4 —

3-1 Sandy's Beacon, 4-1 Mr Monday, Rubika, 11-2 Baron Safeguard, 8-1 Mount Ailey, 12-1 Negatory, 14-1 Jock's Burn, 16-1 others.

1.15 EMMERDALE HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,406: 2m 4f 100yd) (7)

1 12F- RINUS 238 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 10-12-0 N Doughty
2 1-25 IDA'S DELIGHT 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Charlton 12-11-5 B Storey
3 -4P3 TACTICO 49 (B,CD,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-10-9 M Dwyer
4 02F- LACIDAR 228 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Johnson 11-10-7 A Orkney
5 404- BAD TRADE 186 (D,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-10-0 C Grant
6 F-22 JESTERS PROSPECT 14 (D,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-0 M Moloney (3)
7 1F2- MERITMOORE 245 (D,BF,G,S) G Moore 8-10-0 J Callaghan

7-2 Ida's Delight, 9-2 Jesters Prospect, Rinus, 11-2 Lacidar, 7-1 Meritmoore, Tactico, 10-1 Bad Trade.

1.45 ATS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,752: 2m) (8)

1 463- JUNGLE KNIFE 38F (D,S) M Tompkins 5-11-10 R Campbell
2 3-32 DAWSON CITY 7 (CD,BF,F) M H Easterby 4-11-2 L Wyer
3 433- ONE FOR THE POT 22F (D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-11-0 J Twomey (7)
4 64-2 SARTORIUS 9 (D,G) T Thomson Jones 5-10-11 C Grant
5 5-31 RODEO STAR 10 (CD,G,S) N Tinkler 5-10-2 G McCourt
6 5-61 ALL WELCOME 14 (D,G,S) G Moore 4-10-2 M Dwyer
7 102- TRUBLION 261 (BF,S) S Mellor 6-10-0 S Earle
8 03/3 MARDOOD 7 T Kersey 6-10-0 Susan Kersey

11-4 Jungle Knife, 7-2 Sartorius, 5-1 Dawson City, One For The Pot, 8-1 All Welcome, 10-1 Rodeo Star, 14-1 others

2.20 TETLEY BITTER HANDICAP CHASE

(£9,910: 3m 100yd) (11)

1 3-16 BISHOPDALE 28 (CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 10-12-0 A Merrigan
2 -323 SWORD BEACH 21 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-11-9 L Wyer
3 -322 STAY ON TRACKS 14 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-7 C Grant
4 U513 LOTHIAN CAPTAIN 10 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 6-11-6 N Doughty
5 USU- PLENTY CRACK 261 (D,S) B Mactaggart 8-11-2 G McCourt
6 221- SMOOTH ESCORT 262 (S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-2 J Shortt
7 3322 WIGTOWN BAY 11 (C,F,G) J Mackie 8-10-13 M Dwyer
8 5-44 WITHY BANK 7 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-10-12 D Byrne
9 1-21 SOONER STILL 14 (V,D,F,G,S) J Edwards 7-10-12 N Williamson
10 13-1 SHOON WIND 29 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-10-12 J Callaghan
11 14-F VIKING ROCKET 14 (D,G,S) C Parker 7-10-9 B Storey

9-2 Sword Beach, 5-1 Lothian Captain, Viking Rocket, 8-1 Smooth Escort, 10-1 Bishopdale, Stay On Tracks, 12-1 others

2.50 YORK NOVICES CHASE

(£2,535: 2m 50yd) (7)

1 14/1 ANDORRA 8 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-6 M Dwyer
2 -512 LEIGH BOY 9 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) G Moore 5-11-6 J Callaghan
3 3424 WHO'S IN CHARGE 28 (F) G Coatsworth 7-11-6 A Merrigan
4 13-5 ELDER PRINCE 29 (D,BF,F,S) M H Easterby 5-11-0 R Garritty
5 311- HOUGHTON 259 (CD,G,S) M W Easterby 5-11-0 G McCourt
6 1FP- KAMBALDA RAMBLER 220 (S) C Parker 7-11-0 B Storey
7 11P/ WHITEWASH 578 Mrs D Haine 6-11-0 J Shortt

2-1 Houghton, 7-2 Andorra, 5-1 Leigh Boy, 11-2 Elder Prince, 8-1 Who's In Charge, 14-1 Kambalda Rambler, Whitewash.

3.20 THORP ARCH NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,842: 2m) (19)

1 2221 GALLATEEN 7 (B,D,F) G Richards 11-2 N Doughty
2 F21 MASTER GLEN 14 (D,G) G Oldroyd 11-2 P Midgley (7)
3 32 BOLLIN WILLIAM 7 M H Easterby 10-9 R Fahey
4 CANNY CHRONICLE 21F M Tompkins 10-9 R Campbell
5 0 CASTLE MERLIN 8 E Alston 10-9 M Alston (7)
6 CHINESE PANTHER Mrs D Haine 10-9 N Williamson
7 0 CUT THE MUSIC 45 R Whitaker 10-9 S Turner
8 FISHIN' TACKLE 147F L Lungo 10-9 F Perratt (7)
9 GOOD PROFILE 38F G Moore 10-9 L Wyer
10 6 HENBURY HALL 14 M Hammond 10-9 C Grant
11 KANOOZ 46F S Mellor 10-9 S Earle
12 LODESTAR 164F N Tinkler 10-9 G McCourt
13 MANDIKA 81F M Jarvis 10-9 S Keightley
14 NIJMEGEN 386F Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-9 M Dwyer
15 2 QUALITAIR SOUND 11 J Bottomley 10-9 R Marley
16 RINGLAND 37F P Haslam 10-9 J Callaghan
17 RUN FOR NICK 201F Mrs D Haine 10-9 J Shortt
18 050 UN SOUVERAIN 37 M Chapman 10-9 —
19 0540 AUGHTON RIDGE 11F M Chapman 10-4 —

3-1 Bollin William, 9-2 Gallateen, 5-1 Canny Chronicle, 7-1 Good Profile, 10-1 Master Glen, Qualitair Sound, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; Mrs V Aconley, 4 from 17, 23.5%; G Richards, 25 from 111, 22.5%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 19 from 90, 21.1%; J Mackie, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M H Easterby, 22 from 119, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 15 winners from 67 rides, 22.4%; N Doughty, 12 from 55, 21.8%; L Wyer, 19 from 98, 19.4%; M Dwyer, 28 from 151, 18.5%; C Grant, 27 from 183, 14.8%; T Reed, 9 from 61, 14.8%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good (back straight good to firm)

12.55 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1, GOOD TONIC (M Richards, 9-4 fav); 2, Clara Mountain (H Davies, 10-1); 3, Half Brother (M Pitman, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Tom Bir (5th), 9-2 Faans (4th), 8 Coruscate (pu), 14 Tonights The Night (pu) 7 ran. 1½l, 1l, 12l, 6l. T Etherington at Dorking. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £3.60. DF: £12.70. CSF: £21.11.

1.25 (2m hdle) 1, NEW YORK RAINBOW (R Dunwoody, Evens fav); 2, Baydon Star (M Pitman, 8-1); 3, Fair Crossing (P Scudamore, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Hawthorn Blaze (4th), 14 Sunday Punch, 16 Woody Will (5th), 33 Jimmy The Gillie (6th), Mr Tittle Tattle, 50 Tornick (pu), Whistle For Fry, 66 Colonel Skinner (pu), Somatime, Wisebow 13 ran. 6l, sh hd, ¾l, 5l, 2l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £7.50. CSF: £9.90.

2.00 (2m 5f 75yd hdle) 1, ARABIAN SULTAN (P Scudamore, 7-4 fav); 2, Keep Out Of Debt (E Murphy, 16-1); 3, Golden Arctic (R Dunwoody, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Sweet Duke, 11 Welsh Commander (4th), Mr Jamboree (6th), 33 Flyer's Nap (5th), 66 Freddy Owen 8 ran. 8l, 7l, 4l, 20l, 20l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote £2.30; £1.30, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £7.00. CSF: £25.75. Sweet Duke finished 4th but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified

2.30 (3m 5f 18yd ch) 1, BIGSUN (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2, Mr Frisk (Mr M Armytage, Evens); 3, Paddy Buck (S McNeill, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 66 Celtic Hamlet (ur) 4 ran. NR: Montgomery. 10l, dist. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.01.

3.00 (3m 118yd ch) 1, CLEVER SHEPHERD (Peter Hobbs, 10-1); 2, Does It Matter (L Harvey, 11-4); 3, Keep Talking (S Smith Eccles, 5-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Betty Hayes (4th) 4 ran. NR: Boom Time. 2l, 7l, 12l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote £6.60. DF: £6.50. CSF: £30.85.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, NONE SO BRAVE (J Osborne, 5-1); 2, The Blue Boy (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 3, Big Beat (P Holley, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Master Foodbroker, 8 Master Of Troy, 14 Sir Dancelot (5th), 20 Emaboy (4th), 25 Absent Forever (pu), 33 Boy Next Door (pu), Desperate, Comaneci, 50 Antico Nativo (6th), Junket Dish (pu) 13 ran. ¾l, 12l, ¾l, 5l, 5l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.20, £6.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.93.

Jackpot: £6,179.80 (0.5 winning tickets; pool of £6,202.57 carried over to Sandown today). Placepot: £115.90.

Bangor

Going: soft

12.40 (2m hdle) 1, Vado Via (A Carroll, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Tower Bridge (12-1); 3, Dancing Legend (14-1). Kronprinz 7-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 3l. D Wintle. Tote £6.90; £1.60, £3.40, £2.90. DF: £28.50. CSF: £43.20.

1.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Major Kinsman (J Shortt, 14-1); 2, Quintana (8-1); 3, Sebel House (3-1 fav). 8 ran. 3½l, 1½l. R Lee. Tote £11.10; £2.30, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £50.40. CSF: £100.49. Tricast: £360.21. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Capricorn King (G McCourt, 4-1, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Fast Thoughts (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Dusky Day (66-1). 18 ran. 8l, 10l. D McCain. Tote £5.10; £1.80, £1.70, £51.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £15.26.

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Lightwater Again (P Niven, 11-4); 2, Croch-Na-Nee (10-11 fav). Only two finished. 3 ran. 5l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £5.17.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Voyage Sans Retour (M Dwyer, 4-5 fav); 2, Concert Paper (7-2); 3, Andros Prince (14-1). 10 ran. 15l, 10l. J J O'Neill. Tote £1.90; £1.50, £2.00, £3.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.02.

3.10 (3m hdle) 1, Ben Head (C Llewellyn, 7-2); 2, Solid Fuel (8-1); 3, Man's Best Friend (20-1). Buckingham Gate 15-8 fav. 14 ran. NR: Morgans Harbour. ½l, 1½l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote £5.20; £2.90, £2.00, £4.10. DF: £16.90. CSF: £28.91.

Placepot: £304.30.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.00 (1m 3f) 1, Hand Painted (G Carter, 6-1); 2, Irish Native (5-1 jt-fav); 3, All The King's Men (5-1 jt-fav). Vanroy 5-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. ½l, 8l. J Pearce. Tote: £9.00; £1.70, £2.90, £3.50. DF: £19.40. CSF: £36.66.

12.25 (1m) 1, Super Sally (D Biggs, 2-1 fav); 2, Mac's Princess (5-2); 3, Supadupa (16-1). 14 ran. 4l, 4l. M Ryan. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.20, £3.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £8.76.

12.50 (1m 6f) 1, Art Form (W Ryan, 8-1); 2, Intricacy (9-4 fav); 3, Quick Ransom (9-1). 14 ran. 1½l, 6l. C Cyzer. Tote: £12.90; £4.10, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £25.20. CSF: £28.12. Tricast: £160.32.

1.20 (1m 3f) 1, Tempering (S Wood, 8-13 fav); 2, Gipsy King (14-1); 3, Qualitair Blazer (7-1). 12 ran. NR: Post Code. 3l, 2½l. D Chapman. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.10, £2.30. DF: £6.50. CSF: £13.22.

1.50 (6f) 1, Cronk's Courage (M Hills, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Precentor (7-1); 3, Count Me Out (16-1). Sully's Choice 6-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Rambo Express. Hd, 2½l. E Alston. Tote: £6.20; £2.20, £2.20, £5.80. DF: £28.70. CSF: £46.12. Tricast: £584.23.

2.20 (7f) 1, Debsy Do (J Fortune, 10-1); 2, Talented Ting (12-1); 3, Super-Sub (12-1); 4, Dublin Indemnity (3-1 fav). 16 ran. 1l, 2l. S Norton. Tote: £10.20; £2.10, 3.20, £5.40, £1.60. DF: £140.30. CSF: £131.82. Tricast: £1,375.66.

2.50 (7f) 1, Empeeka (Emma O'Gorman, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Big Easy (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Stylus (10-1). 16 ran. ½l, 1l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £1.50, £4.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £14.12.

3.20 (1m) 1, Litmore Dancer (R Hills, 8-1); 2, Shaum Girl (20-1); 3, Macquarie Ridge (8-1). Restless Niece 9-2 fav. 14 ran. 2½l, 2½l. J Bethell. Tote: £10.10; £2.80, £6.00, £6.30. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £2.30. CSF: £125.40.

Placepot: £25.00.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Worcester, Kelso.
TUESDAY: Newcastle, Leicester, Fontwell Park.
WEDNESDAY: Huntingdon, Ludlow, Catterick Bridge, Southwell (AW)
THURSDAY: Windsor, Uttoxeter, Taunton, Lingfield Park (AW).
FRIDAY: Cheltenham, Doncaster, Devon & Exeter
SATURDAY: Cheltenham, Doncaster, Lingfield Park, Towcester.
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CRICKET

Prabhakar and Kapil Dev lead a fightback

Brisbane — India, displaying ability and determination not previously evident on their Australian tour, recovered from 83 for six to reach 239 all out at the close of the first day's play in the first Test match here yesterday.

The team was led from the back, rather than the front: Prabhakar and Kapil Dev, batting at eight and seven, lifting the side after the captain, Azharuddin, had perished to a reckless shot as India struggled.

McDermott was the pick of Australia's bowlers, making the early breakthough, dismissing Kapil Dev and polishing off the tail to pick up five for 54, his seventh five-wicket haul in Tests. Prabhakar, with an unbeaten 54, and Kapil Dev, who made 44, carried the Indians to near-respectability.

McDermott dismissed both openers in an early burst of seven overs at a personal cost of five runs, then Hughes disposed of the dangerous pairing of Manjrekar and Vengsarkar.

That brought Azharuddin together with Tendulkar. The teenager had been told before the match to curb his attacking instincts but was set a poor example by his captain, who top-edged an ill-advised hook off Whitney into Hughes's hands at fine leg.

Whitney followed up by dismissing Tendulkar but Kapil Dev and Prabhakar, in contrasting fashion, took India into three figures. Riding his luck, Kapil Dev lifted Peter Taylor for six as he made his runs off 41 balls before McDermott returned to remove him.

Prabhakar, dropped, surprisingly, by Border when 22, was given valuable assistance by the tail during his 195-minute half-century. It was not the way Border would have liked to celebrate his record 126th Test.

Although Australia hold the advantage, they are not as well-placed as Border might have expected after witnessing the early fruits of winning the toss on a green pitch.

Meanwhile, McDermott has reacted strongly to suggestions that Yorkshire may cancel his contract as their first overseas player because he is contracted to go with Australia to Sri Lanka on a six-week tour starting in August.

McDermott said: "Yorkshire knew that I had a first obligation to Australia when our agreement was drawn up. Now I have heard on the grapevine that if I have to withdraw at the end of July they will cancel my contract. I will carry out my side of the bargain and I will be upset if they do not stick to their side of the agreement."

"So far I have not heard from them directly but the rumours are flying round that they are ready to withdraw from the contract unless I can play throughout the season. If that happens I shall consult my lawyers."

☐ Ian Bishop has a back problem and four other players have flu as the West Indians prepared in Perth for the first match of their Australian tour, against a Western Australian Invitation XI at Northam tomorrow.

Deryck Murray, the team manager, said of Bishop: "He had a stress fracture in the back a year ago and had not played any serious cricket until recently. It's obviously very different when he is putting everything into it, as he was in the two recent one-day internationals in Pakistan. We hope his problem is just a little reaction to hard work."

Malcolm Marshall, the fast bowler, and Carl Hooper, the all-rounder, were confined to bed with flu, and the new opening batsman, Philo Wallace, and fast bowler, Anderson Cummins, were also being treated. *(Agencies)*

INDIA: First innings

R J Shastri c Waugh b McDermott	8
K Srikkanth c Boon b McDermott	13
S V Manjrekar c and b Hughes	17
D B Vengsarkar c Waugh b Hughes	5
*M Azharuddin c Hughes b Whitney	10
S R Tendulkar b Whitney	16
Kapil Dev b McDermott	44
M Prabhakar not out	54
†K S More c Whitney b Hughes	19
S L V Raju c Healy McDermott	12
J Srinath c Healy b McDermott	21
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 13)	20
Total	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-24, 3-50, 4-53, 5-67, 6-83, 7-141, 8-186, 9-206.

BOWLING McDermott 28.1-11-54-5; Whitney 21-2-82-2; Hughes 20-5-34-3; Waugh 1-0-6-0; P L Taylor 18-3-56-0.

AUSTRALIA: M A Taylor, G R Marsh, D C Boon, M E Waugh, D M Jones, *A R Border, P L Taylor, †I A Healy, C J McDermott, M G Hughes, M R Whitney.

Umpires: S Randell and P McConnell.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Hair to the crown: Fahey powering his way into the final of the British Open at Queen's Club yesterday

Howell's challenge ended by Fahey

By Sally Jones

ROBERT Fahey, the talented young Australian professional, finally ended the giant-killing run of Jonathan Howell, the Oratory School professional, in four tense sets to reach the final of the George Wimpey British open real tennis championship at Queen's Club, London, yesterday.

Howell, who earlier in the week beat Julian Snow, the second seed, and James Male, the world rackets champion, held two set points in the first set, lost it, and then whitewashed the Australian in the second, playing some of the most powerful and error-free tennis of his life.

The strain of Howell's earlier efforts seemed to take its toll as Fahey found his length on his service and volley-return, taking the third set 6-3, and although his rapidly-tiring opponent held points for the first three games in the fourth set, the Australian clinched the vital points and took the set to love.

In the doubles event, Mike Happell and Male lived dangerously before coming through their opening match, beating Nick Wood and Matthew Hayward in five sets.

Happell and Male had looked on course for an easy victory after comfortably taking the first two sets, but Wood and Hayward grew in confidence, combining well and playing more positively as they levelled the match; Woods's classic backhand and Hayward's fine volleying coming into their own. Only in the final set did Happell and Male get into their stride to achieve an edgy victory.

RESULTS (British unless stated): Singles: Semi-final: R Fahey (Aus) bt J Howell, 6-5, 0-6, 6-3, 6-0. Doubles: First round: L Deuchar (Aus) and P Tabley (Aus) bt J Howell and K Sheldon, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; M Happell (Aus) and J Male bt N Wood and M Hayward (Aus), 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2; C Bray and M Gooding bt D Johnson and H Latham, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; J Snow and R Fahey (Aus) bt C Lumley (Aus) and A Phillips, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.

Laura Thompson

Sporting sagas are just the fix for Saturday

The thought of spending Saturday afternoon in shops, or in a cinema, or in any other place that would deprive me of the sight of a television screen, gives me intimations of agitation — why? It is not as if I even really watch *Grandstand*. The thing about *Grandstand* is that one does not have to watch it, one only has to have it on. Have it rolling relaxedly in one's ears while one reads the papers; have it in one's eyeline while one is on the phone; just have it there.

There have been many times when I have become bored with the middle bit of *Grandstand* — the dirty sound of motorcycling, the dour sodden look of St Helens v Featherstone Rovers — and have tried to spend time with the film starring Fred MacMurray on BBC2 or with the 1970s remake of *Lorna Doone* on ITV. It feels like being in exile. It feels like another world, a world in another dimension, a world which nullifies the here-and-now of *Grandstand* Land.

Familiarity is so important that it would be hard for me ever to break the ties with Grandstand to form new ones with Sport on 5

How can I choose to inhabit this world of another time and place when *Grandstand*, even at its most boring, is existing in the dimension of three o'clock kick-offs, of early goals, of late equalisers, of half-time and full-time? This is not just television, this is a chapter in my life. This weekend will be my 1,436th personal communion with the Saturday episode of the sporting saga, a series which sometimes seems as eternal and inescapable as time itself.

Of course, the sporting saga is not just a co-production of life and television. It can also be a co-production of life and radio. On Saturday afternoons it is not just BBC1, but also Radio 5, that becomes the medium through which the sporting saga expresses itself; becomes the empty, amorphous vessel ready to be filled and shaped by events that are, as with all the best sagas, gloriously unpredictable within their glorious predictability.

There have been too many years spent in living-rooms suffused with that friendly, masculine atmosphere, that tacit statement that this sporting lark is so unquestionably important to all of us that there is no need for any of us to act as if it were important. But one *could* form bonds of this kind with *Sport on 5*. It answers, both atmospherically and practically, the same desires as *Grandstand*.

The medium through which the sporting saga expresses itself appears to be passive and effortless. The work which goes into the production of this passive and effortless appearance is, however, active and effortful. Take *Sport on 5*. You have presenter John Inverdale, the cool tip of an iceberg which begins to grow into the next-door studio, where you have about eight people working in chaotic symphony with each other. There is of course a vague running order, with certain sacred immovables like the half-time scores, but the natures of live sport and of live broadcasting prohibit the comfort of certainty.

You have a man in charge of checking that all the outside broadcast link-ups are working, which they may not be, which means playing, very quickly, a taped interview instead. You have a man recording precisely timed reports and interviews from the match link-ups. You have a boy playing very quickly these precisely timed reports on a tape machine. You have four televisions showing different games, you have phones, you have remorseless clocks.

More iceberg grows from out of this studio to a mysterious upstairs room which constantly flashes on to screens bits of paper scrawled with handwritten notes: "Niall Quinn equaliser 2-2", which information Inverdale then conveys. It grows out to the even more mysterious people who inform the upstairs room. It grows out to all the live link-ups who are writing their reports practically as they are speaking them. It grows out to British Telecom, upon whom these link-ups precariously depend.

To someone who once tried to operate a fringe theatre lighting board and was insufficiently dextrous of hand and clear of head to click on a tape and push up a switch at the same time, the production of *Sport on 5* seemed bewilderingly dependent upon the thinking-on-feet capabilities of a bewildering array of people. What one hears, what one sees on *Grandstand*, is indeed the tip of an iceberg which symbolises more tha just the complexities withi the unpredictable.

The events of the sporti saga are different every we but they are also the sa Leeds and Arsenal may ha the different players scoring different goals, but they are still Leeds and Arsenal. They are simultaneously actualities and symbols, and somehow nothing better conveys this dual nature than the most familiar part of both *Sport on 5* and *Grandstand*: the classified football results.

CYCLING

Belgian makes defence

By Peter Bryan

RONNY Poel Voorde, the Belgian who trounced an international entry to win last year's City of London open cyclo-cross championship, returns to the Shirley Hills course in Surrey tomorrow to defend his title.

The race, over ten laps of a one-and-a-half mile circuit, has drawn a field of more than 100, although several of Britain's amateur squad will be absent because of an event in northern France.

Voorde's clear-cut victory last year was over David Baker, who is unable to take part because he is recovering from a blood disorder.

The home challenge rests with the former national champion, Steve Douce, who, in 12 years' racing at Shirley Hills has never been placed out of the first three. He has also won the London title twice there.

HOCKEY

Barber recovers to boost Slough

By Sydney Friskin

PAUL Barber, having recovered from a hamstring injury, is back to hit the short corners for Slough in today's Pizza Express National League match at home to Teddington, and in the Hockey Association Cup fourth-round tie against Bromley tomorrow at Edenbridge.

Slough, winners of the cup on four occasions, are hoping for more success with a steadily improving side that is well-equipped in defence and enterprising in attack. There is, however, a doubt about Cox on the left wing: if his knee injury has not healed, his place could be taken by Gillaussein.

Bromley, whose particular zest for cup competition took them to the final in 1989, have no injury problems. Their defence is strengthened by the experience of Richards, their short-corner specialist, at full back, and Berry, at centre-half. Their attack is led by Chambers, formerly of Gore Court.

Havant, the first division champions and league leaders, face another severe test today with a visit to **Stourport**, but second-placed **Hounslow** should have a profitable trip to **Neston**. Third-placed **East Grinstead** visit Bromley today. In other cup matches, East Grinstead, Havant and Hounslow, the holders, should reach the fifth round.

Isca should retain the leadership of the second division after today's visit to **Bournemouth**, but **Reading**, their closest rivals, could find life difficult at home against **Canterbury**. Before the match, a minute's silence will be observed in memory of Dominic Moon, aged 18, of Canterbury, who was killed in a road accident on his way to training on Tuesday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Castleford to test Leeds

By Keith Macklin

LEEDS and Wigan have something to prove in the quarter-finals of the Regal Trophy this weekend. Leeds, who are at home to Castleford, have to prove that they can remain a winning side without the influence of Ellery Hanley, whose broken jaw could mean the difference between success and failure for the club.

Even when Hanley is not playing well, his determination and personality are driving forces which inspire the team. Castleford will be pleased that he will not face them tomorrow and may also feel that his absence will give them a marginal advantage.

Wigan's challenge is to prove that they have pulled themselves together following their recent run of three defeats, one of which was 25-10 at The Willows against **Salford**. They play the same opponents at the same ground this afternoon, and with several key players expected to return after injury, principal among them Botica, the much-missed goalkicker, Wigan have the opportunity to settle the account and to resume their familiar all-conquering status.

However, Salford have shown remarkable improvement since the start of the season, when their form suggested they might be candidates for relegation. Kevin Tamati, the coach, has shaken the side up and has dropped Kerry, last season's record points scorer. Salford are showing flair and confidence, the pack has knitted together and Wigan may not find it easy to exact revenge. It could also be said that **Featherstone Rovers** have a deal to prove at **Widnes**.

Botica: boost for Wigan

Recent matches have tended to produce runaway victories for Widnes. Last weekend, Featherstone slaughtered Halifax, scoring more than 60 points, and if they produce that kind of form tomorrow, they will give Widnes a run for their money.

St Helens are at home to **Bradford Northern**, who they beat easily earlier in the season. However, that was when Northern were at a low ebb and under the player-coach, David Hobbs. Hobbs can now concentrate on leading a pack that is coached and inspired by Peter Fox, who is back in charge at Odsal and already making Northern tick.

BADMINTON

Smith stays on course

FIONA Smith, who won three gold medals at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, showed that she is beginning to return to form, after taking a year out to have a baby, by reaching the quarter-finals of the Carlton Welsh open championship in Cardiff yesterday. She had straight-game victories over Jenny Allen, from Scotland, and Sian Deng, from Canada.

Smith was assisted in her bid to regain the title she won two years ago by the defeat in her quarter of Felicity Gallup, the England No. 3, 11-0, 11-0 by Nicole Baldewein, of Germany.

Another German, the more experienced Katrin Schmidt, upset the seedings by bringing down the English national champion, Julie Bradbury.

Tuavao moves

Bob Tuavao, the former Widnes, Salford and Barrow rugby league forward has signed for the third division club, Highfield, until the end of this season.

Bera doubles up

Richard Sam Bera collected gold medals in the 100 and 200 metres freestyle swimming events, making 48 in all for Indonesia so far in the South East Asian Games. Indonesian swimmers won

SWIMMING

Confidence returns in quick time for Foot

By Craig Lord

CAROLINE Foot returned to form at the Ecclesiastical Life Open meeting at Gloucester yesterday, showing for the first time since switching clubs last summer that she is capable of retaining her British grand prix butterfly title.

The superior sprinting ability of Foot, now training at the superb Ponds Forge sports complex in Sheffield and competing for that city's team, proved too much for her younger rivals, Emma Lang and Sara Dykes, in the 200 metres butterfly.

Victory brought maximum grand prix points in a time, 2min 20.24sec, that lifted Foot's spirits after her failure to qualify for last year's European championships. Since then, she has travelled north from Southampton to train at Sheffield under her long-time mentor, Paddy Garrett.

RESULTS: Men: 100m breaststroke: 1, S Methush (City of Cardiff), 1:06.24; 2, S Wells (Norwich Penguins), 1:06.32; 3, M Dixon (Rochford), 1:06.46. 1,500m freestyle: 1, N Sloan (Peterborough), 16min 17.70sec; 2, M Hayne (Gloucester), 16.21.49; 3, D Smith (Borough of Waltham Forest), 16:31.13. Women: 200m butterfly: 1, C Foot (City of Sheffield), 2:20.24; 2, E Lang (Millfield), 2:20.77; 3, S Dykes (City of Bristol), 2:21.97. 200m individual medley: 1, L Findlay (Kelly College), 2:17.34; 2, J Deakins (Gloucester), 2:21.43; 3, A Sasaki (City of Cardiff), 2:21.89.

MOTOR SPORT

Gollop repairs damage in time for grand prix

By Stephen Slater

WILL Gollop lines up for the Autoglass British rally-cross grand prix at Brands Hatch this weekend just seven weeks after his turbo-charged MG Metro 6R4 was destroyed in an accident.

Gollop, the British champion, won the grand prix in 1988 and 1989, but he and his team have been forced to spend over 600 man-hours rebuilding the four-wheel drive "supercar" from the wheels upward after an accident it was travelling at 100mph in the European championship round at Lydden Hill in Kent in September.

The first test for Gollop's new car will be the qualifying runs today as he aims to become the first three-time winner of the grand prix. On Sunday, he will face a series of quarter and semi-finals before competing with some of the most powerful cars in Europe.

Most of the cars were initially developed from rally cars, but are now specially suited to the short sprint races of rally-cross.

BOXING

BMA repeats brain damage warning

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

THE British Medical Association (BMA) gave the old punchbag — boxing — another bashing yesterday. There were no new moves, however, as the BMA is in the process of compiling its second report on the sport.

Because of developments within the sport and advances in the medical field, the report will examine new medical evidence from the last seven years. Yet the old statistics were impressive all the same. It made you wonder about the validity of a sport that causes brain damage regardless of whether the boxer complains about any ill-effects after a bout. Recent evidence indicates that head injuries causing "neuronal shearing" can cause Alzheimer's disease.

From 1989 to 1991, six British boxers were seriously injured — Rod Douglas, Mark Goult, Gary Mason, Frank Bruno, Michael Watson and Kian Kwok Lee. "Every time a boxer receives a heavy blow, he receives brain damage." Jason Brice, the consultant neuro-surgeon at Southampton hospital, said. "Bruno's punch is like a padded sledgehammer hitting you at 20mph. That must give rise to brain damage."

Instead of laying into the sport following the serious head injuries suffered by Watson and Lee, the BMA boxed clever, leaving it to the debate in the House of Lords on Wednesday to land the blows. The bill, which has been sponsored by Lord Taylor of Gryfe, aims to make it an offence to organise a boxing match for profit.

"It doesn't go as far as we would like, as we have campaigned for a ban on boxing, both amateur and professional, since 1984, but certainly we support it," Jeffrey Cundy, consultant anaesthetist at Lewisham hospital and a member of the BMA working party on boxing, said.

The new eight-point safety plan of the British Boxing Board of Control, which ensures that a striken boxer reaches a neuro-surgical unit without delay, has clearly been a move in the right direction. It was welcomed by the BMA. But Dr Cundy said it did little to stop injuries happening in the first place.

"Though we welcome anything which reduces harm to the boxer, and further damage can be reduced by rapid transit to hospital, it can do nothing to stop the initial injury," he said. "Blows to the head damage the brain and the damage is cumulative. The only way to make boxing safe is to remove the head from the target area."

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Wright has gone but a soul mate survives

Palace still have a Bright spark after the big split

By Clive White

UNLIKE most good double acts that split up, Ian Wright and Mark Bright have continued to flourish independently. Indeed, Bright, who was seen by many as the stooge in the Crystal Palace partnership, immediately embarked on a club record goal-scoring run of nine goals in eight games when his esteemed sidekick left to join Arsenal for £2.5million.

As is the way of goal-scoring, that fertile period has been followed by a fallow one of seven games without a goal. Yet Bright remains second in the goal-scoring charts behind Gary Lineker, and, as ever, inseparable from Wright on 13 goals along with Mike Small of West Ham United.

"Never say you're struggling to score," Lineker once told Bright during their time together at Leicester City. "Just keep going, they'll come."

Consequently, it is with every confidence that Bright expects his luck to change when he leads the Palace attack against Manchester United in today's big match at Selhurst Park.

In the absence of his erstwhile colleague, Bright has proved himself this season to be a quality performer in his own right. Yet while acknowledgement as such has been commonplace among opposing managers the length and breadth of the country, recognition from Graham Taylor, the England manager, is still unforthcoming.

The irony is that Wright's move to a club of Arsenal's stature has not only helped his own chances of establishing an international career but also, unwittingly, of sustaining the one of Alan Smith, his new attacking partner, and chief rival to the room-mate Wright left behind at Selhurst Park.

If, as many believe, Wright is the natural successor to Lineker, who retires from international competition after next summer's European championship, Taylor will need to start grooming a playmate for the new Arsenal forward — and who better than someone who knows him intimately?

By the time the European championship comes around, two players could claim to do so and one of them, Smith, could already be a fixture in the England team.

The odds are stacked against Taylor reviving the Palace partnership as he did the Leicester one of Lineker and Smith. But Bright, who will be 30 next February, remains philosophical about his England chances.

"I believe that when you deserve a chance you'll get it," he said. "I have to say though that when I look at the people who have been chosen ahead of me, like Smith, Hirst and Deane, sometimes you think your chance has passed."

Bright has taken encouragement from the good fortune which befell Andy Gray, his club colleague, who, because of injuries, found himself selected for the crucial European championship tie in Poland earlier this month after telling Bright that Taylor would never select him.

Whatever Wright's departure may have done to dim Bright's international hopes, he bears his former partner no grudges. "He desperately wanted to play in Euroepan football," Bright said. "He has got a satellite dish and watches all of it. Had we got into Europe this season instead of Liverpool, I don't think he would have left, but he was right to go. If any player's got a chance to play for one of the big five, he owes it to himself to give it a try."

One assumes from that remark that Bright would have done the same. Like Wright, he too, has had it written into his contract that he can be released should any one of the leading clubs come in for him. In fact, his answering machine at home used to ask callers to be brief, "just in case Liverpool are trying to get through".

Bright, who was fostered out with his brother as a child to a family living on a miners' estate in Stoke-on-Trent, has long since learned that opportunity must be grasped with both hands. He took a drop in salary, working as a hydraulic engineer, to join Port Vale as a full-time professional, before moving on to Leicester where he enjoyed only fleeting success in the shadow of Lineker and Smith.

It has taught him to appreciate the glamorous trappings of his life now as an eligible bachelor, living in a three-bedroom flat in Knightsbridge with a Mercedes parked outside and Egon Ronay for a neighbour. He is respectful of what he and Wright achieved together in their time at the Palace and reminded Wright, in a note to him when he left, of "the part he had played in putting Palace back on the map". He remains Wright's most avid supporter. He believes that Wright is one of the few English forwards who could make a success of it in Italy and would not be surprised if that was where he ended up.

"No disrespect to Marco Gabbiadini [Wright's replacement at Selhurst Park] but all the players say 'It's only now we realise just how good Ian was. It's like a marriage. Sometimes you don't know how good it was until you separate."

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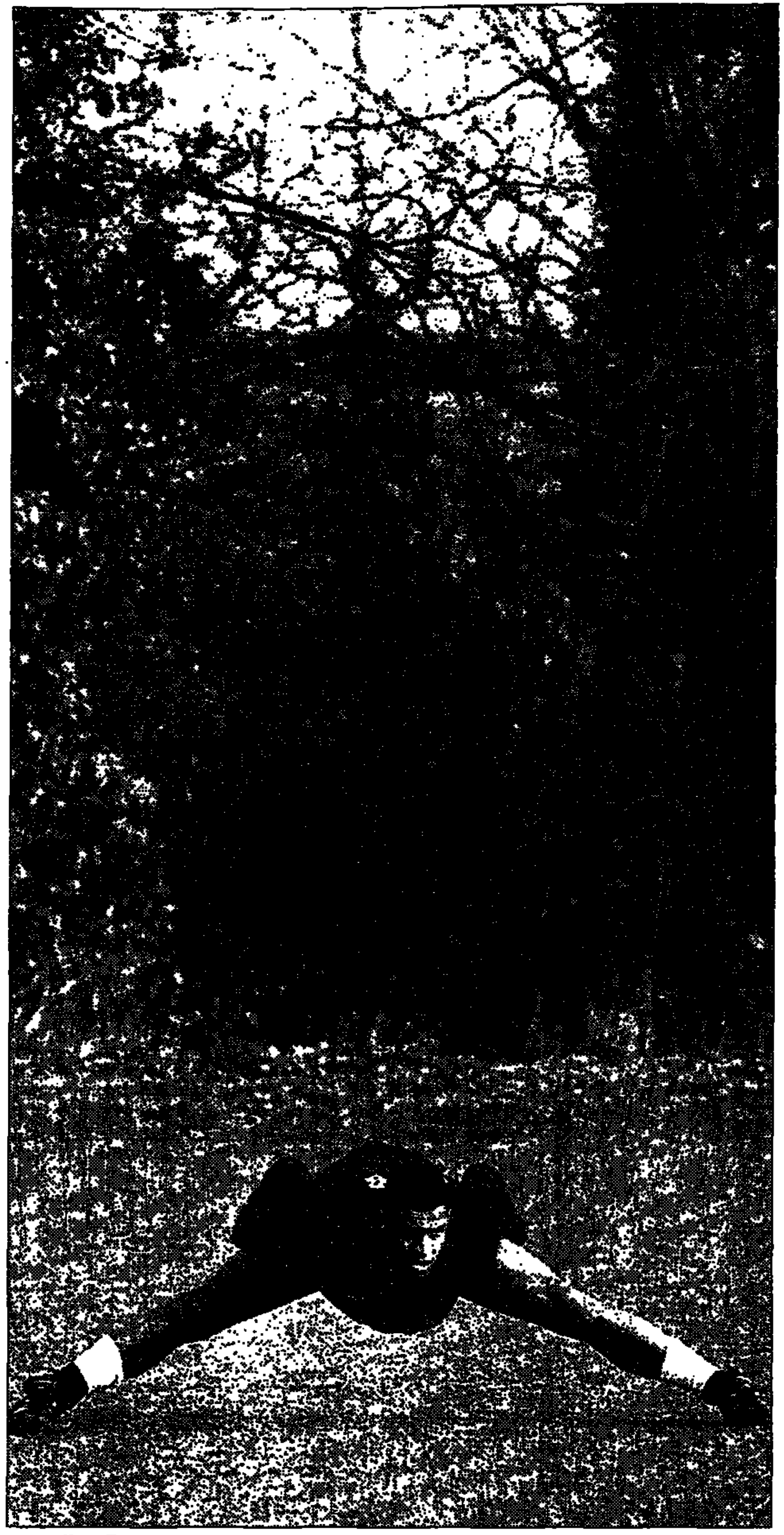

Feeling fine: Bright prepares for Manchester United's visit to Selhurst Park

Time for words to be matched with resources

By Allan Patmore

COMMENT

The House of Commons enjoyed a rare opportunity this week to discuss the provision of sport and recreation in Britain. The Opposition motion was brought forward, in the words of the shadow minister for sport, Denis Howell, "because British sport is suffering from the effects of 12 years of neglect".

It is a malaise which Howell sees manifest in the "decimation" of local government sports provision; in the "devastation" of sport in schools; in the sale and loss of playing fields; in the "total failure" of "privatisation"; and in the lack of leadership in international sport.

The sports world is encouraged that the debate should have taken place at this juncture, for these are worrying times. Sport is suffering from a reduction in income from both public and private sources, and future funding prospects are hardly a cause for great excitement.

But these are also puzzling times. Making the case for sport is no new clarion call. The Sports Council and our partners have been shouting from the rooftops for some years now, and there are some signs at last that the message might be getting through. In recently-published papers, the Labour Party and the European Commission have both recognised explicitly the social and economic importance of sport.

We hope that the minister for sport's own policy statement, when it emerges in the near future, will affirm the same truth. Certainly, in the *Planning Policy Guidance Note on Sport and Recreation*, published in September, the government described sport as "an important component of civilised life" and noted that "it is the policy of the Government to promote the development of sport and recreation in the widest sense: to enable people to participate in sport and to encourage the provision of a wide range of opportunities for recreation . . ."

Unfortunately, the reality seems rather different. Despite its lofty principles, there is as yet little evidence to suggest that the present administration truly has the will to help sport deliver the end product.

Two weeks ago, the government announced a 4.4 per cent increase in the Sports Council grant for 1992-3. In the House on Wednesday, Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, explained that this latest grant "has increased in line with forecast inflation and will enable the Sports Council to maintain its existing programme". This, I am afraid, is an attempt to make virtue of inadequacy.

The allocation scarcely allows us even to begin to address the variety of policy changes over the last year which affect the context in which sport and recreation will have to operate in the future.

The government white paper on the environment and its green paper on health both have implications for the role and importance of sport. And while the Sports Council has welcomed the government's proposals for physical education in the national curriculum, the effective implementation of these plans can succeed only if more resources are channelled into the development of a well-trained teacher workforce.

This, of course, lies beyond the Sports Council's ability.

Considering the force of these new demands side by side with the long-standing, but unrelenting, pressures on local government — still Britain's main provider of leisure facilities and services — it is hard to conclude that the government's resourcing of sport has been made on the basis of a full appraisal of need.

I was encouraged by the significantly greater increases awarded simultaneously to a number of other bodies, such as the Arts Council, English Nature and the Countryside Commission, but I am saddened that sport seems to have been singled out for relatively harsh treatment.

Sport and recreation make an immense contribution to society's well-being. The Sports Council's bid sought to develop new and exciting programmes to enhance and underpin that contribution. If this and future governments genuinely believe in enhancing the quality of life, then it is imperative for them to demonstrate a clear commitment in which deeds — and resources — match words.

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CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea v Nottm Forest

Forest have been doing more than marking time recently without Nigel Clough, widely regarded as the player who makes them tick. His return after a two-month absence is only facilitated by an injury to Crosby. Chelsea's season has yet to start in earnest and is threatening never to do so. In their last ten games, they have had only one League win Dickens is missing again after a brief comeback and there are minor worries about Clarke, Jones and Elliott.

Coventry v Southampton

This is a game which Terry Butcher, even more than his Coventry team, can ill-afford to lose. Rosario has been alerted to a possible recall and Borrows, Smith and Atherton are included after injury. Southampton, on a winning run of three games, albeit by a solitary goal on each occasion, look likely to persevere with their sweeper systmen following Ruddock's return from suspension. Hall will probably be the odd man out in defence.

C Palace v Man Utd

Palace are not in the best of shape to take on United, but at least they helped to flush last Saturday's 5-1 defeat out of their system with a 3-2 midweek win in a ZDS Cup tie at QPR. Conversely, United should be on a high after last week's mightily impressive performance against West Ham and are again unchanged. Coleman will continue at left back for Palace if Sinnott fails to recover from a hamstring problem.

Leeds v Everton

About the only thing more intimidating than Leeds after last week's thumping 4-1 win at Aston Villa is Leeds at Elland Road Everton have the pleasure. Ebbrell, the England Under-21 captain, returns from a foot injury after missing the ZDS Cup defeat at Leicester. They will need him. To make matters worse, Leeds have a full complement of players from which to choose, including Speed and Hodge, both recently unavailable. The two sides meet again on Wednesday in a Rumbelows Cup fourth-round tie

Liverpool v Norwich

Less than a month ago, Norwich, who have a good record at Anfield, would have relished the opportunity to take on the ailing champions. Now they go there with some trepidation after five games without defeat by the Merseysiders. If the influential Molby is unfit, though, that will be a boost for Norwich. Burrows is available again after suspension, but not Jones, who has pulled a hamstring. Norwich, for whom Culverhouse is back in light training after an ankle operation, are unchanged.

Man City v Wimbledon

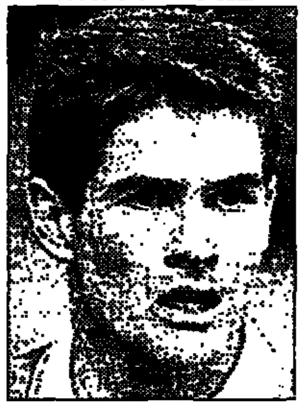
Peter Withe, still searching for that elusive first win as Wimbledon manager, faces further disappointment in his eighth game in charge at Maine Road. Where there is Fashanu, there is hope, though, the big forward reporting fit after a groin injury. City wait on the fitness of Coton; Margetson stands by White proved himself almost fully recovered form a dislocated shoulder with four goals for the reserves on Wednesday

Notts County v QPR

Ending a run of five consecutive defeats will be not be easy for Rangers, even with Wegerle back in the side after ten matches out with ligament trouble. County, who reached the semi-finals of the ZDS Cup in midweek, are nothing if not determined and have Draper and Paris back in the reckoning. Dean Yates is a doubtful starter with a twisted knee

Oldham v Aston Villa

The outcome of this game may depend on how successful Ron Atkinson has been in comforting the Villa team after last week's drubbing at the hands of Leeds. In the circumstances, it is perhaps just as well that they are away from home Parker makes his debut after his £650,000 transfer from Nottingham Forest in midweek. Oldham, who must decide whether or not to recall Holden after the 3-1 win at Loftus Road, are capable of adding to Villa's woes.



Clough: returning

Sheffield Utd v Luton

A win for United could move them out of the relegation zone, an achievement that seemed beyond them not so long ago. Pemberton and Cowan require fitness tests Luton drop Chamberlain after 99 consecutive League appearances in favour of Sutton, who is on loan from Nottingham Forest. James and Telfer vie for the right back position vacated by an injury to Linton

West Ham v Sheffield Wed

Entertainment should be guaranteed here. Wednesday have lost their way in recent weeks, during which time they have gone six games without a win The good news is that Sheridan returns after seeing a specialist about a knee problem; the bad news is that he will require another check-up on Monday Nilsson misses the game with a groin injury Wednesday, one of only two sides to win at Upton Park last season, meet an unchanged West Ham side with a touch more steel about them these days

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Tottenham

There could be a surprise recall for Adams, who underwent a hernia operation just three weeks ago In the absence of Lineker, Arsenal may feel confident enough to dispense with the sweeper system and select an extra forward which brings Limpar and Campbell in contention after recovering from injury.

FLA suggestions anger Sandford

By Peter Ball

THE role of the new Football Licensing Authority (FLA), the government body set up to oversee the safety of football grounds, has begun to cause controversy. Yesterday, Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, responded angrily to FLA suggestions that clubs were dragging their feet in meeting the new safety requirements.

"If the FLA has specific examples of clubs failing in their responsibilities, it should be telling us about it as well as the individual local authority involved," Sandford said, "but generalisations decrying clubs' efforts on safety issues can be damaging and unhelpful."

The FLA, however, insisted that the League did not have a role. "A lot of clubs have made considerable progress," John De Quidtthe FLA's chief executive said, "but there are still a lot who have not done so well. We could back it up with specific examples, but the League really would have something to complain about it we started publishing the names of clubs who are not satisfactory.

"I certainly can't see any reason why we should inform the League, which is the administrative body. If a club has a problem, the inspector raises it on the spot with them, and then informs the local authority at the first opportunity and that has to be the right way for us to proceed."

Sandford's comments reflect growing doubts in the professional game about the FLA's functions and in some cases about the standards of the inspectorate.

The authority, which is funded by the game itself rather than the government, was set up initially to implement the national membership scheme, but when that was still-born, it took over supervision of ground safety in the wake of the Taylor report.

Clubs, though, are still required to get safety certificates from their local authority.

SQUASH RACKETS

Oxford maintain their university supremacy

By Colin McQuillan

OXFORD'S supremacy in the University match continued yesterday at the RAC club, London, when they won the new KPMG Peat Marwick Trophy from Cambridge by a comfortable 4-1 margin.

Although Cambridge still lead the series, 31-30, since the match was first played in 1926, they have managed only three victories in the past decade. Yesterday, only Cambridge's fifth string, Jon Carr, and the reserve, Matt Brown, could raise their team's colours in victory.

For Oxford, Ian Popplewell and Mark Varney were convincing and comprehensive winners and their middle order players, Rob Macdonald and Gavin Ezekowitz, were stern enough to resist the early advances of their opponents.

RESULT: Oxford 4, Cambridge 1 (Oxford players first): I Popplewell (Brasenose) bt M Nowell (Corpus Christi), 9-0, 9-5, 9-7; M Varney (Magdalen) bt Basil Lui (Trinity), 9-7, 9-1, 9-0; R Macdonald (Keble) bt R Wilkinson (Pembroke), 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0; G Ezekowitz (Balliol) bt G Green (Emmanuel), 9-7, 9-5, 0-9, 9-7; J Carr (St Peter's) lost to R Montague-Fuller (St John's), 5-9, 3-9, 1-9.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Governing body goes Dutch

Hein Verbruggen, aged 50, from The Netherlands, was elected president of cycling's ruling body, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), in Berlin yesterday.

He had been president of the UCI's professional riders' federation since 1985 and is replaced in that post by Werner Göhner, of Germany.

☐ UCI readmitted Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, who will take part in the Olympic Games in Barcelona next year.

Olympic bid

Our report (November 28) of the House of Commons debate on sport quoted Denis Howell, the shadow sports minister, as saying the capital cost if Manchester was successful in its bid for the Olympic Games would be £8 million to £9 million. The figure should have been £800 million to £900 million.

Carr pulls out

Boxing: Cornelius Carr, the Middlesbrough middleweight, has pulled out of his IBF Inter-Continental bout against Thomas Tate, of the United States, next Saturday on medical advice. Carr fell badly in training.

Essex men on top

Tennis: Essex, the defending men's champions, and Surrey scored comfortable victories on the opening day of the winter indoor county championships at Telford. Surrey's women whitewashed Sussex 5-0.

Kelly's aye, man

Football: David Kelly, the Leicester City and Republic of Ireland forward, will join Newcastle United for £250,000 on Monday and make his debut next weekend.

☐ The ZDS Cup area semi-final draw has been made.

DRAW: Northern section: Notts County v Leicester City; Tranmere Rovers v Nottingham Forest. Southern section: Crystal Palace v Chelsea; Southampton v West Ham United. *Matches to be played week commencing December 9.*

SKIING

Accola scents first win of a five-year career

Breckenridge, Colorado — Paul Accola, of Switzerland, frustrated by twice finishing runner-up last week, sped to a first-run lead in a men's World Cup giant slalom competition yesterday.

Accola, still searching for his first victory in five seasons on the World Cup circuit, was timed in 1min 07.98sec for his precise first run. That gave him a lead of nearly a second over his team colleague, Steve Locher, who clocked 1min 08.90sec.

Alberto Tomba, of Italy, stood third and within striking distance at 1min 09.11sec. Tomba came from behind to win the opening races of the season at Park City, Utah last week.

As light snow fell, another Swiss skier, Urs Kaelin, was fourth in 1min 09.12sec, followed by another team colleague, Michael von Gruenigen, in 1min 09.41sec and Günther Mader, of Austria, in 1min 09.47sec.

Hans Pieren, of Switzerland, was seventh in 1min 09.52sec, and Ole Kristian Furuseth, of Norway, stood eighth in 1min 09.70sec, despite losing his right ski pole halfway down the course.

Jeremy Nobis, of the United States, nearly lost his left ski pole when he hooked a gate, but finished sixteenth in 1min 10.28sec.

FIRST-RUN TIMES: 1, P Accola [illegible] 1min 07.98sec; 2, S Locher (Switz) [illegible]; 3, A Tomba (It) 1:09.11; 4, U Kaelin [illegible]; 5, M von Grunigen (Switz) [illegible]; 6, G Mader (Austria) 1:09.47; 7, H Pieren (Switz) 1:09.52; 8, O C Furuseth [illegible] 1:09.70; 9, A Spampatti (It) 1:09.74; 10, [illegible] Nyberg (Swe) 1:09.78; 11, J Wallner [illegible] 1:09.82; 12, F Piccard (Fr) [illegible]; 13, [illegible] Polig (It) 1:10.07; 14, A [illegible] 1:10.08; 15, L Pesando (It) 1:10.14; 16, [illegible] Nobis (US) 1:10.28; 17, M Girardelli [illegible] 1:10.30.

☐ Petra Kronberger, from Austria, will seek to exploit unexpected home advantage when the women's World Cup season opens with two slalom races at Lech am Arlberg this weekend. The races were switched from Piancavallo, northern Italy, because of bad weather.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Detroit Lions 16, Chicago Bears 6; Dallas Cowboys 20, Pittsburgh Steelers 10

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Semi-finals: Den Helder (Neth) 91, Estudiantes Madrid 67; Joventut Badalona (Sp) 91, Aris Salonika (Gr) 69; Mechelen (Bel) 70, Bayer Leverkusen 89; Maccabi Elite (Isr) 109, Olympique d'Antibes (Fr) 103; Barcelona 71, Virtus Bologna 67; Partizan Belgrade 96, Philips Milan 70; Kalev Tallinn (Estonia) 88, Slobodna Dalmacija (Yug) 95.
NATWEST TROPHY: First round: Derby Bucks 72, [illegible]; Hemel Hempstead Royals 71, Sunderland Saints 76; Trafford Giants 66

BOXING

LIVERPOOL: Commonwealth light-welterweight title (12 rnds): Andy Holligan (Liverpool) bt Steve Larrimore (Bah) rsc 8th rnd. Bantam (6 rnds): Craig Dermody (Manchester) bt Peter Buckley (Birmingham) pts. Super-feather (6 rnds): Chris Morris (Liverpool) bt Andrew Bloomer (Pontypridd) pts. Light-welter (6 rnds): Joey Moffat (Liverpool) bt Kevin Lowe (Sheffield) pts. Welter (8 rnds): Robert McCracken (Birmingham) bt Michael Oliver (Hengoed) rsc 3rd rnd

GOLF

IBUSUKI, Japan: World open tournament: 134: L Nelson (US) 70, 64. 136: H Meshiai 69, 67; M Ozaki 68, 68; M Kuramoto 65, 71. 137: N Yuhara 70, 67. 138: N Ozaki 71, 67; A Lyle (GB) 71, 67; S Hoch (US) 69, 69; T Inagaki 66, 72.
KURIMOTOMACHI, Japan: Women's tournament (Japan unless stated): 67: Ku Ok-hee (S Kor). 68: Fusako Nagata. 69: T Ohsako. 70: Y Moriguchi, M Hirase, N Yoshikawa. 72: N Terasawa, Huang Yueh-chyn (Taiwan), M Shimabukuro, F Tani.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: Old Kingstonians 9, Purley 7; Blackheath 7, Old Williamsonians 5; Hounslow 17, Old Bordenians 8.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race (after four days): 1, W Stutz and S Joho (Switz), 180; 2, E de Wilde (Bel) and B Holenweger (Switz), 151. One lap behind: 3, S Martinello and P Bincoletto (It), 160; 4, B Risi and K Betschart (Switz), 130; 5, A Doyle (GB) and C Tourne (Bel), 45.

FOOTBALL

GUANGZHOU, China: Women's World Cup: Third place play-off: Sweden 4, Germany 0

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk 0, Bohemians 1

Larry Nelson: two-shot leader in Japanese golf

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (First day): Hobart: Tasmania 172 (S Young 55; B Julian 5-26); Western Australia 20-0.
CURRIE CUP (Second day): Verwoerdburg: Northern Transvaal 220; Western Province 220 (T N Lazard 108 not out; T Bosch 6-55). Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 307; Border 103 (R E Bryson 6-48) and 118-2 (L Fuhri 50 not out). Bloemfontein: Natal 244; Orange Free State 380-5 (M Arthur 82; F D Stephenson 75 not out)

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open: Second round: G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; W Ferreira (SA) bt G Muller (SA), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.
SÃO PAULO, Brazil: Exhibition tournament: First round: J Connors (US) bt C Motta (Br), 7-6, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt A Mancini (Arg), 7-6, 3-6, 6-0.
TELFORD: Winter indoor county championships: Men: Essex bt Middlesex, 6-3. Women: Surrey bt Sussex, 8-1.

TABLE TENNIS

SUNDSVALL, Sweden: Scandinavian Open: Men: Team: Semi-finals: Sweden A bt South Korea, 3-0; Sweden B bt The Netherlands, 3-1. Women: Semi-finals: South Korea bt Japan, 3-0; China bt Sweden A, 3-1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): St Louis Blues 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; Calgary Flames 5, Los Angeles Kings 3.

RACKETS

CHELTENHAM GOLD RACKET: Semi-final: R Brown bt K Cook, 15-8; Marquis of Reading bt J Cowell, 21-15. Final: Marquis of Reading bt Brown, 21-15.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: St Helens 68, Featherstone 4. Second division: Leigh 52, Chorley 18; Rochdale 22, Salford 12.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop Wordsworth 7, Dauntsey 15; Canford 19, King Edward VI 7; Long Road SFC 0, King's Ely 32.

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Champions' discipline again comes under fire

Three Arsenal players to be charged by FA

BY CLIVE WHITE

THE players of Arsenal, the Football League champions, were again in trouble with authority yesterday when the Football Association announced that Ian Wright, David Seaman and Paul Merson were to be charged with misconduct following alleged incidents at a first division match against Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park on November 16.

The FA's action came just as George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was preparing his players for tomorrow's important north London derby against Tottenham Hotspur at Highbury. He strongly advised all three to seek the assistance of Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, which they have done.

The FA has taken its decision following the receipt at Lancaster Gate of reports, sent by the Greater Manchester police, concerning alleged incidents during and after the match at Boundary Park. The FA also viewed a video film of the incidents which allegedly involved players and supporters spitting at one another, gesticulations by players and problems with police in the tunnel area.

David Bloomfield, the FA secretary, said: "We have an excellent working relationship with the police and they are quite happy for us to deal with the incident within football."

The players are facing suspension and fines, but the FA have made it clear that the club is not facing the kind of admonishment that it did last season when the FA docked Arsenal two points and fined them £50,000 following a brawl between their players and those of Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Graham and Taylor expressed their concern for football's spitting image. "This is happening regularly now," Graham said. "The players must ask the PFA what is their line on players being spat at."

Taylor said that the PFA would not condone spitting under any circumstances, "no matter what the provocation". He added: "But, of course, it's easy to say that in the cold light of day. I'm not condoning any reaction from players, although eye-witnesses apparently indicate there may have been physical and verbal abuse of players."

The charges involving Merson and Seaman had surprised Taylor. "Our information is that Seaman and Merson were simply taking people away from bother."

Some reports suggested that Wright, the club's record £2.5 million signing, and Merson both made provocative gestures to the Oldham supporters at the final whistle following Wright's late equaliser in the 1-1 draw. Wright was also reportedly involved in the spitting, while Seaman is alleged to have manhandled a police officer.

The club has had more than its fair share of brushes with authority in recent years. In 1989, it was fined £20,000 by the FA for its part in another brawl, this time at Highbury, in a match involving Norwich City. Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, was suspended for nine matches after he was spotted on video striking Glenn Cockerill, of Southampton, and breaking the player's jaw.

The players in question have 14 days in which to appeal. Ken Friar, the club secretary, said: "I was not at the match and we will want to look at a video of it before deciding whether or not to appeal."

Paul Walsh will take the place of Gary Lineker in the Tottenham side for the derby match. Lineker has been given leave of absence because his eight-week-old son is seriously ill in hospital.

Wright: late equaliser

Bright shines on, page 35

England bid for Europe

BY CLIVE WHITE

ENGLAND yesterday officially launched their bid to stage the finals of the 1996 European football championship. Glenn Kirton, an FA official, flew to Switzerland to lodge the application papers with Uefa before today's deadline. The decision on the hosts will be made next May.

England face competition from The Netherlands and Spain and, if successful, would be staging their first finals of an international tournament since the 1966 World Cup. The Dutch also submitted their bid yesterday after a joint application involving themselves and Belgium had been dropped.

The 1996 finals have always been FA's chief objective, even when itannounced that it intended to bid for the 1998 World Cup finals, which seem certain to go to France. England did not go through with their full presentation.

To coincide with the European bid, the FA has taken out full-page advertisements in the national press today asking for the public's support. Under the slogan, "It can only happen in England", the FA offered those lending their support the chance to enter a free draw for tickets for the England v Brazil game at Wembley on May 17 next year. The FA was not giving much away, though — just 12 tickets.

Only Spain out of the three candidates have staged the finals of a European championship. That was in 1964 when the host country went on to beat the Soviet Union 2-1 in the final in Madrid. France and Italy have both staged it twice. Spain have also staged the finals of a World Cup more recently than England have done. The Netherlands have never staged any important championship.

Leconte shows virtuoso style

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN LYONS

HENRI Leconte has always relished the big stage and they come no bigger than the home final of a Davis Cup in front of 8,300 fanatical compatriots. Even allowing for that and the unique spirit of team competition, Leconte's 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 win over Pete Sampras, to leave France level on the opening day of the final here yesterday, owed more to fantasy than reality.

While Guys Forget, his countryman, seemed stifled by the torrent of noise that poured from a fanatical crowd, Leconte took inspiration effortlessly leaping the 155-place gap in the ranking between himself and Sampras, the world No. 6. The scoreline — France 1, United States 1 — was not perhaps surprising, but the manner of it quite extraordinary.

Leconte had played just one match on the full tour since Wimbledon and had only recently recovered from a back injury, which many thought would end his career. Only his former team-mate and Davis Cup captain, Yannick Noah, kept the faith and his gamble, more hunch than logic, paid off handsomely as Leconte reduced the recent ATP Tour champion to a knee-trembling wreck on his debut.

Sampras had been warned about the special atmosphere of the Davis Cup, but few could have undergone such a severe baptism. From the first point to the last, the Frenchman held sway, forehands, backhands and volleys coming alike in a 2hr 20min display of virtuosity he had not shown for many years.

It was clear some magic was afoot as early as the third game when Leconte broke the American to take a 2-1 lead. Sampras, though, answered back immediately but when he dropped his serve for the second time Leconte held his nerve and took the first set.

Sampras badly needed time to settle himself in his first Davis Cup and as serve matched serve through the second set, it seemed a matter of time before Leconte, so short of match practice, ran out of puff. But a timely break when Sampras missed a routine backhand pass in the eleventh game of the second set, brought the crowd near to ecstasy and gave the French No. 2 a new lease of life.

By now, the umpire, Sultan Ganji, had virtually given up trying to silence the crowd and Sampras, visibly upset by the long delays between points, must have felt like a bull in the ring. Sure enough, the final kill came when he netted a backhand service return in the ninth game of the third set and Leconte, amid scenes reminiscent of the last night of the Proms, leapt into the arms of his captain and team as he swept away the final forehand.

All pre-match forecasts of a French upset — and there were a few optimistic souls — had relied on Forget beating Andre Agassi in the opening singles. But, not for the first time in his career, the French No. 1 seemed weighed down rather than uplifted by the support.

He has never felt as comfortable in the spotlight as those two incorrigible extroverts, Noah and Laconte, and clearly felt the pressure, though, oddly, only after he had won a tight first set, 9-7 in the tie-break. That, you felt, might turn the match. It did. Agassi never looked back.

The first set lasted 76 minutes, the next three were over in just over an hour and a half as the American pulled Forget hither and thither, forcing errors on the ground strokes and passing him whenever he ventured to the net. In the end, Forget could not even hide behind his much-vaunted service, which Agassi picked off with increasing venom amid a stunned silence.

A lucky net cord on break point early in the second set coincided with a natural letdown after the tension of the tie-break and gave Agassi just the glimpse he needed. From 4-2 up in the second set, the multi-coloured American won eight of the next nine games and any lingering hope for Forget was snuffed out in the fifth game of the fourth set when Agassi broke once more.

"He was the master on the court. It was not pressure from the crowd, he just played better and better as the match went on and I couldn't catch him any more," Forget said.

RESULTS (US names first): A Agassi bt G Forget, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; P Sampras lost to H Leconte, 4-6, 5-7, 4-6.

In with a shout: Leconte finds inspiration against Samprasin Lyons yesterday

Ivanisevic withdraws

Johannesburg — Goran Ivanisevic, of Yugoslavia, withdrew yesterday from the South African Open and from next week's European Community tennis championship with an Achilles tendon injury, organisers said.

Ivanisevic, seeded second in the open, beat Pat Cash, on Thursday and was due to play Grant Connell, of Canada, in the quarter-finals yesterday. But the nagging injury, which plagued him in the opening rounds, forced him to default to Connell. "My doctor told me I would have to rest it," Ivanisevic said.

Ivanisevic, holder of the EC title, will be replaced in Brussels by Jonas Svensson, of Sweden, who faces the Spaniard, Emilio Sánchez, in the first round of the tournament, which starts on Monday. Stefan Edberg will play if he is fit.

White off to a flying start

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY White, who relishes a long-distance encounter with Stephen Hendry, dominated the first session of their best-of-17-frame snooker semi-final in the £200,000 UK Open at the Guild Hall, Preston, yesterday.

White, the world No. 3, was at his fluent best on the way to building a 7-1 lead in 112 minutes. It left Hendry needing to win eight of the remaining nine frames to retain an unbeaten record in the event since 1988.

In December 1990, White led Hendry 7-2 in the world matchplay final and went on to an 18-9 victory. Three weeks later, he led Hendry 9-0 after the first session of the Mercantile Credit Classic final, running out a 10-4 winner. Hendry, the world No. 1, did not make the assured start necessary to banish those memories. White, with two breaks of 46, both launched by long reds, won the first two frames.

White, a UK finalist only once in 11 attempts, pressed on with runs of 52 and 30 in the third frame and a brown to black clearance in the next for a 4-0 lead at the intermission. Such was the intensity of White's concentration in the fifth frame that he felt it necessary to ask the referee, Lawrie Annandale, to quell the noise from the crowd watching the other table, who were awaiting the return of the other semi-finalists, John Parrott and James Wattana.

When Annandale had restored silence, White fashioned a decisive break of 57. Hendry pulled back from 66-5 down in the sixth frame only to miss, by some distance, the kind of long pot on the green which is usually little more than a formality. White made no mistakes, clearing to black for 6-0.

By recovering from deficits of 7-0 and 8-2 to beat Mike Hallett in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters in February, Hendry performed well in acutely difficult circumstances. He exhibited this invaluable asset again in the seventh frame with a break of 130, which would have been a total clearance of 137 had he not screwed the cue ball into the top left-hand pocket after potting the black.

White, with a well executed 64 break, struck back to reopen a six-frame cushion.

Parrott, the world champion, made four breaks over 40 to lead James Wattana, the Thai, aged 21, 4-2. However, Wattana, seeking his first appearance in the final of a ranking event in Britain, capitalised on a missed red from Parrott to take the seventh frame with a 39 clearance to pink and a run of 64 was sufficient for him to tie the scores at 4-4 at the conclusion of play.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J Parrott (Eng) level with J Wattana (Thai), 4-4. Frame scores (Parrott first): 87-15, 48-65, 34-81, 87-20, 83-0, 76-1, 40-65, 1-72. J White (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot), 7-1. Frame scores (White first): 70-48, 75-12, 86-36, 66-63, 62-0, 91-46, 7-130, 76-7.

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Where to find the next Eddie Edwards

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

This column has always believed in looking unpalatable facts in the face. There will be no British ski jumpers at the Winter Olympics in Albertville in the new year. The trail blazed by the incomparable Eddie Edwards has gone cold: the victory of Victory over Struggle is complete. The British Olympic Association decided to insist on high standards of achievement for its competitors in the wake of Eddie's fling.

But all is not lost in the wonderful world of British ski-jumping. Tim Ashburner, the father of the sport in Britain, is organising a lowlanders' world championship at Isny in Germany from February 29 to March 8. That will put the Albertville nonsense in perspective all right. It will involve cross-country skiing and ski jumping, with individual titles at stake in both parts of the combination.

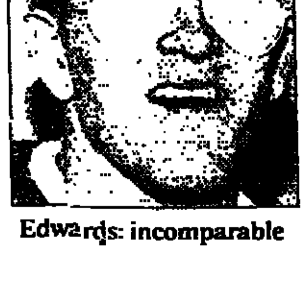
Britain waits agog for the Eddie Edwards of tomorrow, but so far it has waited in vain. Brits have stepped forward — "but most of them are Ahabs who see the great white ski jump as something to be conquered." Ashburner said. "Their first sight of the real thing comes as a shock. It is this type we want to weed out."

However, if you can put together some measure of (a) competence and (b) insurance, apply for the competition to British Ski Federation, 258 Main street, East Calder, West Lothian, EH53 OEE. British ski jumping must not die.

☐ *Poor old Leo Najera. He was preparing to swim the anchor leg in the 4 x 100 metres medley relay for the Philippines at the South East Asian Games in Manila this week when someone kindly pointed out that he had a three-inch rip in the back of his cozzie. So he slipped away, found another pair of trunks, and after that everything went, well, swimmingly. Najera did his stuff, and the Filipinos won the race. But then came a protest from the Singapore side, which finished third. They accused Najera of causing "an undie delay" of ten minutes while he changed his drawers. The judges agreed with them. The Indonesians were promoted from second to first, the Singaporeans from third to second and as for the Filipinos — they were disqualified and placed bottom.*

Safely hidden

David Bedford, athletics person and bearer of one of the great soup-strainers of modern times, is not someone who seems a soft touch. But his car was stolen. Then, while he was away in Tokyo at the world championships, his motorbike was stolen — a sad blow, since it was an 1,100cc Kawasaki lovingly described by Bedford as "the business". He was burgled last Christmas, and, after that, he got worried about one of the treasures they did not take, a plaque commemorating his 10,000 metres world record. So he hid it. The great question is: where? "I've sat in every room and tried to picture what I did," he said, "but it won't come back." Some men are born to trouble, some seek trouble, others have trouble thrust upon them. Bedford has always been able to fill all three categories.


Edwards: incomparable

Pay the penalty

I don't know why Margaret Thatcher tried to stamp out football: football is pefectly capable of doing it on its own: The introduction of filthy penalties to the FA Cup removes vast quantities of magic from a traditionally magical competition. On Wednesday, BBC's *Sportsnight* celebrated an A to Z of penalties in recognition of this disaster. C is for the Corinthians who deliberately shot wide because they thought scoring from a penalty was cowardly; E is for the elephant which kept goal in a penalty competition against four Leicester City players in 1898; and R is for Red Star Belgrade, who won last season's European Cup on filthy penalties and admitted their tactic all along had been to hold on and try their luck in the shoot-out. Penalty shoot-outs ruined the last World Cup. Penalty shoot-outs ruin everything they touch.

Mansell's prize

And now the first nomination for the Golden Clanger Competition, a celebration of the biggest bish in the sporting year. Some entrants decided unilaterally that this was a Colemanballs competition, a search for broadcasting gaffes. But that would be plagiarism, something this column always avoids, at least when it is likely to get rumbled.

David Walter, however, celebrated the notion of the Golden Clanger with great style, and as a result, winging towards him is a bottle of ambrosial Cálem Colheita tawny port. "Who is more deserving of a Golden Clanger nomination than Nigel Mansell and the entire Williams team?" he asks. "Who has demonstrated to greater perfection the art of plucking defeat from the jaws of victory? If Mansell's victory wave before he stopped dead on the last lap was sublime, then his team's muffed tyre-change was a thing of transcendent perfection."

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